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Flagging Veterans' Graves In Agawam...



LAST SATURDAY, MAY 15TH, members of Agawam's veterans' organizations (with the assistance of the town's Boy and Girl Scouts) flagged the graves of local veterans. **IN LEFT PHOTO:** Veterans' Agent Ruth Bitzas, Matt Couture, Jerry Couture, Sam Gallant (Commander, American Legion Post 185), and Kristina "Tina" Henson (Sr. Vic., Legion 185). **IN RIGHT PHOTO:** Veterans' Council members Jessie Fuller, Christopher Sanchez, and George Schlager. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

Following Accreditation Report...

AHS Administration Already Addressing Recommendations

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

Agawam High School has received accreditation in the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEAC), but the school has been placed on warning status for perceived deficiencies in three of the 10 standards used by the Commission on Public Secondary Schools in evaluating the programs and services offered to public school students.

The final accreditation report issued by the commission requests that school administrators submit a special progress report by November 1, 1999 indicating how its 28 recommendations on curriculum and instruction, library technology and media services, and school facilities are being addressed.

The accreditation report is the culmination of a two-year self-evaluation process conducted by committees of school administrators, teachers, parents, students, and a three-day site visit by a 12-member committee.

As part of the ongoing accreditation process, the High School principal must submit two progress reports to the association detailing the school's efforts at addressing the recommendations of the accreditation report. The first report is due in two years; the second report is due in five years.

At last week's School Committee meeting, AHS Principal Joseph Zabielski said that 13 of the

recommendations have already been completed, and action plans for addressing the remaining recommendations are being developed by committees of teachers and administrators.

"It was almost impossible to develop an action plan before receiving the final accreditation letter," Zabielski said. "The key is the committees are ready to go and things have already started. We intend to be 30 percent complete by August. It's that do-able."

It was agreed that the School Committee would be notified of the AHS committees' meetings in order to attend and participate in the process. Also, the School Committee will receive a comprehensive progress report by the close of school, an updated report before September, and quarterly progress reports.

Assigning A Status To Each Recommendation...

School Committee Chairman (Mayor) Christopher C. Johnson directed Zabielski to assign a status to each recommendation by the end of the year. "That way, we'll know where to support the process without putting an undue burden on the people doing the work," Johnson said.

Committee member Roberta Doering said she expected Zabielski to provide the committee with a statement on each recommendation, including

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Granted Permit For BP's Oil Tank...

Fire Chief & Bldg. Inspector Followed Permitting Process

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

A three-member subcommittee of the Town Council appointed as a fact-finding panel on the local and state permitting procedures learned on Tuesday night that the fire chief and the building inspector followed the proper procedures for issuing a building permit for the \$500,000 oil storage tank at the Berkshire Power Plant.

Neither Fire Chief David Pisano nor Building Inspector Dominic Urbinati attended the Tuesday evening session at the Police Station Community Room as both officials had prior commitments when notified of the meeting.

However, both sent separate memoranda to the subcommittee detailing their role in the granting of a building permit for Berkshire Power to construct an oil storage tank. This tank is to serve as a back-up fuel for the gas-fired electric generating plant due to begin producing electricity in September.

In October, the council voted 8-3 to deny Berkshire Power's request to store 500,000 gallons of fuel oil in a storage tank on the site for use as a back-up fuel source in the event that the flow of natural gas to the plant is interrupted. Berkshire Power is petitioning for an override of

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a time frame for completion and an indication of who is responsible for getting the work done.

"We will try to support you the best way we can," Mrs. Doering said. "We are in this thing together. We are all responsible."

Zabielski said his goal is to have half of the recommendations completed within the next two years, even though the NESC only requires a 30 to 40 percent completion rate in that time period.

According to school administrators and School Committee members, some of the recommendations contained in the accreditation report are not valid, while others have been taken care of.

School Committee Vice-Chairwoman Susan Pettazzoni challenged the report's findings relating to curriculum and instruction, and questioned the thoroughness of the job done by the NESC visiting committee in October.

"It worries me that the visiting team didn't see that we have methodical, documented paperwork on the great strides we've made in curriculum, and it bothers me that the chairman of the visiting committee admitted he had no idea of the (State) Education Reform Law and hadn't even read it," Mrs. Pettazzoni said. "A lot of this report is perception and a lot is people not doing their homework. I see more than 50 percent of these areas have already been addressed."

Did Not Take The Time To Fully Investigate...

According to School Superintendent Frank

Ameruoso, some of the recommendations indicate that the visiting team did not take the time to fully investigate what they were told and relied on the unsubstantiated word of the people they spoke with. For instance, Ameruoso said the school budget for next year shows adequate funding for curriculum and professional development, but the visiting committee did not seem to take that into consideration in making its recommendations.

"We were a little miffed at that and we'll send them the data," Ameruoso said.

School Committee Secretary Teresa Kozloski questioned why Zabielski had not invited Assistant Superintendent Mary Czajkowski to a meeting on curriculum and professional development, and member Linda Galarneau warned that an apparent "turf war (between the administrators) had better stop."

"Until we start working together rather than taking a territorial position, we're never going to get through this," Mrs. Galarneau said.

But, Zabielski explained that the meeting had been an organizational meeting for the faculty to exchange some ideas before bringing in the appropriate people to work toward solutions.

"There was no disrespect on my part," Zabielski said. "We are in the process of organizing our meetings and no one is going to be shut out. We will access the professionals we need."

Hazardous Waste Collection Day On Sat., June 19th

The Town of Agawam's Health Department has announced that a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day will be held on Saturday, June 19th, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon (by appointment only).

It will be held at the Agawam High School parking lot on Cooper Street, and proof of Agawam residency is required. Each household will be limited to a quantity of waste equal to 15 gallons liquid or 20 pounds solid.

What's more, home composting bins will be sold the day of the collection.

WHAT DO I BRING?

From the house: rubber cement, photo chemicals, furniture polish, oven cleaner, drain/toilet cleaners, rug/upholstery cleaner.

From the garage: gasoline/kerosene, antifreeze, engine de-greaser, car wax/polish, driveway sealers, roofing tar.

From the workbench: oil/latex paints, stains/varnishes, wood preservative, paint stripper/thinner, aerosol cans, adhesives.

From the yard: insecticides/fungicides, chemical fertilizers, weed killers, flea control products, no-pest strips, pool chemicals, propane cylinders.

WHAT NOT TO BRING:

* Empty containers. (Do not bring empty paint cans — dried, empty cans can be thrown out in the trash.)

* Commercially generated wastes.

* Radioactive wastes/smoke detectors.

* Biological wastes.

* Explosives/ammunition.

* Prescription medicine/syringes.

* Motor oil. (This can be brought to the DPW garage, 1347 Main Street, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.)

For appointments, call the Health Department at 786-0400, ext. 207.

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Doreen Prouty, Acting Chairperson

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Doreen Prouty, Acting Chairperson

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Letters To The Editor

Freedom Of Choice Is A Right Of Smokers And Non-Smokers

To The Editor:

I try not to get involved in other people's opinions. After reading Mr. Marieb's letters, I feel I have to express my opinion.

First, let me say, Mr. Marieb, you must be a huge fan of Mr. George Bitzas, the man that wants Agawam to tell the world it can't smoke.

I hope the smokers remember Mr. Bitzas at election time. But, let us get back to you, Mr. Marieb. Who are you to tell other people how to live?

In your first article, you mentioned a local store and the smoky atmosphere inside. If there is a smoking ban in effect, most of the patrons of the store would not go there because most of the patrons smoke.

Would you put this store out of business to satisfy you? I doubt if the small amount of money you spend in this store would keep it in business. You see, Mr. Marieb, I am a patron of this store. That is my choice, not yours; my freedom of choice, and I don't smoke.

I would assume you hold freedom of choice a right every citizen has? If you do, please find another crusade as we all know the effects of smoking.

Regardless of Mr. Marieb's opinion of Dr. Jawitz, I would like to applaud the good Dr. for not being a petty tyrant with his vote. It looks as though he believes in freedom of choice, also.

Mike Tassinari, Sr.
Feeding Hills

Agawam Historical Assoc. Is Pleased With Tag Sale Turnout

To The Editor:

The Agawam Historical Association wishes to thank its membership and friends for the many donations that allowed our recently held tag sale to be a success. The funds raised will help defray the cost of a needed addition and a chair lift to aid severely handicapped individuals enjoy our prospective Agawam Historic and Firehouse Museum.

We also desire to express our appreciation to those members who volunteered during the collection process as well as during the tag sale. A special thank-you to Neil Cormier for his guidance during our initial venture.

The Agawam Historical Association is extremely grateful and thankful for the many individuals who attended and truly supported our efforts to raise funds for the future museum. It is gratifying to know that the citizens of Agawam and Feeding Hills acknowledge the need for preserving the heritage of our community, and have manifested a desire to provide a place in which to protect and display our wonderful past.

Sincerely,
Carol A. Miller, Treasurer
Agawam Historical Association

A Testimonial To AHS Wrestling Coach Phil Tomkiel

To The Editor:

(Sung to the tune of "HARRIGAN")
Who is the man, who will spend or will even lend?
Tomkiel, that's who.
Who is the man, when you find you need a friend?
Tomkiel, that's who.

T-O-M with a K, I-E-L spells TOMKIEL.
Proud of all the fighting blood that's in him,
Nary a man can say a word agin him.
T-O-M with a K, I-E-L it's true.
It's a name that no shame ever has been connected to,
TOMKIEL, that's who.

Who is the man, never stood for a gad-a-bout?
Tomkiel, that's who.
Who is the man, that Agawam's simply mad about?
Tomkiel, that's who.

T-O-M with a K, I-E-L spells TOMKIEL.
Proud of all the fighting blood that's in him,
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T-O-M with a K, I-E-L it's true.
It's a name that no shame ever has been connected to,
TOMKIEL, that's who.

Who is the man, helps a student be a Gent?
Tomkiel, that's who.
Who is the man, that deserves a monument?
Tomkiel, that's who.

T-O-M with a K, I-E-L spells TOMKIEL.
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T-O-M with a K, I-E-L it's true.
It's a name that no shame ever has been connected to,
TOMKIEL, that's who.

Who is the man, who all the wrestling coaches fear?
Tomkiel, that's who.
Who is the man, that's been a 12 time "Coach of the Year"? Tomkiel, that's who.

T-O-M with a K, I-E-L spells TOMKIEL.
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Nary a man can say a word agin him.
T-O-M with a K, I-E-L it's true.
It's a name that no shame ever has been connected to,
TOMKIEL, that's who.

Who is the man, who was voted "UNICO Man of The Year"? Tomkiel, that's who.
Who is the man, whose coaching ability has no peer?
Tomkiel, that's who.

T-O-M with a K, I-E-L spells TOMKIEL.
Proud of all the fighting blood that's in him,
Nary a man can say a word agin him.
T-O-M with a K, I-E-L it's true.
It's a name that no shame ever has been connected to,
TOMKIEL, that's who.

Lou Massoia
School Committeeman
4/15/99

Thank You For Supporting The Lick-A-Pop Campaign

To The Editor:

Agawam UNICO thanks *The Agawam Advertiser News* for the coverage of the recent **Paul Ferrarini Lick-A-Pop Drive** for the Mental Health and Scholarship Funds.

Thank-you's go out to the **Agawam Waldbaum Super Foodmart, Geissler's, Davie's Soda & Pet Food City, Super Stop & Shop, and Pignatone Texaco Station** for their continuing support for the drive over the years.

Thank you people of Agawam and Feeding Hills for your generosity, which made this year's drive again a great success. Also, UNICO thanks the people who mailed in donations.

Sincerely,
Dennis A. Marchetto
Agawam UNICO Lick-A-Pop Chairman

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The Agawam Conservation Commission will meet on Thursday, May 27, 1999 at 7:15 PM in the Faolin Peirce Community Room, Agawam Police Station, 681 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, Mass. The purpose of this meeting will be to hear the Request for Determination of Applicability of SIS for property located on Springfield Street.

By Order of Henry A. Kozloski, Chairman
Agawam Conservation Commission
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Regular School Committee Meeting

Agawam Middle School, 68 Main Street
Tuesday, May 25, 1999 - 7:30 P.M.

1. Call to Order.
2. Moment of Silence.
3. Citizens' Speak Time.
4. Roll Call of Attendance.
5. Superintendent's Notes.
6. Highlights on Education:
Recognition of Winter Athletes:
K. McSweeney.
7. Old Business:
a. SCR99-22 Approval of PreK-4 Social Studies Curriculum
b. SCR99-24 Acceptance of a Gift
8. Business Meeting
a. Routine Matters
1) Approval of Minutes
2) Calendar/Correspondence
b. Warrants/Transfers
c. Reports:
Teacher Induction/Mentoring Program
9. New Business:
a. SCR99-25 Proposal for Increase in School Lunch Program
b. SCR99-26 Appropriation of Summer School Funds to the HS Library Account
c. SCR99-27 Proposal for Additional 2nd Grade Teacher at Granger School
10. Any other action which may legally come before the Committee
11. Executive Session: Negotiations
12. Adjournment

Fire Wise...

by Fire Chief David Pisano
When Your Car Overheats...

When your car overheats, always:
• Turn off your car and wait at least one-half hour before attempting to open the radiator.
• Use a heavy rag or cloth to open the radiator.
• Stand back as far as possible. Keep your face out of the way in case the radiator should rupture!
Opening hot car radiators is one of the leading causes of burns to young adults. These burns can be prevented with patience and appropriate precautions.

When your car overheats, or even when it's just been running for a while, pressure builds up inside the radiator.

If you open a hot car radiator, hot steam and liquid can splash on your face and hands, causing painful, disfiguring burns.

For further information, contact the Agawam Fire Department at 786-2662.

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AUCTION SALE

Unclaimed bicycles and miscellaneous items -the Agawam Police Department being the holder of unclaimed bicycles and miscellaneous items of every description and nature will sell at public auction, Saturday, May 22, 1999 at 10:00 a.m. at 681 Springfield Street, Agawam, Massachusetts to the highest bidder, single units. Terms cash in accordance with MA. General Laws Chapter No. 135, Sections 7 & 8.

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that decision at the Energy Facilities Siting Board. Town Council has asked that the case be dismissed because the application for a building permit falsely indicated that the proper state permits had been granted.

Chairing the three-member Fact Finding Committee, Councilor Dennis Perry cautioned against criticizing the fire chief and the building inspector for failing to obtain copies of the state building permit when the council itself had never asked for such documentation.

"We asked Berkshire Power at the public hearing if they had all the state permits, they said 'yes' and we took it on face value. We didn't investigate any further, either," Perry said. "The fault lies with Berkshire Power."

Committee members Robert Magovern and Edward Caba agreed with Perry to recommend that the council require copies of all state and local building permits as part of the application package for oil storage licenses in the future.

Also, Perry is drafting a resolution asking the full council to urge the state fire marshal to take further action against Berkshire Power in enforcing state law to echo and support a letter sent to the fire marshal by council President Donald Rheault.

Rheault said he believes there are enough votes on the council to approve an emergency preamble that would allow the council to consider Perry's resolution at the first council meeting in June. Ordinarily, the resolution would appear under new business and would not come before the council for a vote until the next meeting (two weeks later). However, an emergency preamble has the effect of waiving the two-week wait and allows the council to take immediate action.

Controversy Took A New Turn Last Month...

The controversy over the oil storage facility took a new turn last month when it was discovered that representatives of Berkshire Power failed to obtain the necessary permit from the state fire marshal to build the tank. Subsequently, Fire Marshal Stephen D. Coan ordered Berkshire Power to refrain from filling the tank with any fluid pending further investigation and/or action by his office. Urbinati then issued a stop work order on the completion of the tank.

In his memo to the council subcommittee, Pisano states that the application for a building permit for a company seeking to build a storage tank such as the one on the Berkshire Power site is received by the building inspector and forwarded to the Fire Department (for review by the fire chief and the fire inspector for compliance with the applicable sections of the national fire code).

If the documents are in order, either the fire inspector or the fire chief will sign off on the application. The actual construction of the tank is under the control of the local building inspector as it related to the enforcement of the state building code and under the control of the state fire marshal.

Pisano quoted from a letter from Coan which indicates in pertinent part: "Please be advised that the state fire marshal has the sole jurisdiction and authority to issue a section 37 permit. This duty is not subject to delegation by the marshal to a local fire chief nor is a local fire chief necessarily involved in the issuance process."

Pisano further stated that he is not aware of any type of communication that is required between his department and the state fire marshal's office in reviewing an application for a building permit for an oil storage tank.

"As a practice, we orally notify any person seeking to build an oil storage tank in excess of 10,000 gallons of the requirement to gain a permit from the state fire marshal. We also utilize the local fire marshal's office as a resource in reviewing any application materials submitted to us," Pisano stated in his memo.

According to the information supplied to the committee by Urbinati, the two primary areas falling under the control of the Building Department are in compliance with the state building code and in compliance with the zoning ordinances of the town. Review of a 500,000 gallon oil storage tank by the Fire Department is also required by the state building code.

"After determining that the application and certified construction documents are in compliance with the State Building Code, in compliance with the zoning ordinances of the town, and after receiving approval from the local fire department, a building permit may then be issued," Urbinati said.

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Remember, our deadline is each Tuesday at 12:00 noon; however, we appreciate any articles, press releases, etc., that can be brought in on Mondays. Thank you!

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Veterans' Corner...

by Ruth C. Bitzas

Veterans' Agent — 786-0400, Ext. 236/237

Albert F. Peckam To Be Honored On Memorial Day

In April of last year, Mr. Peckam requested our assistance in sending an inquiry into the French Embassy regarding the Croix de Guerre listed on his discharge for service in Anzia and Comor, France.

We received a response on October 8th, from the L'Attache de Defense, Office of the Bureau Chancellerie, informing us that our request was forwarded to the Military Awards Bureau in Paris.

A letter was received by our office dated April 9, 1999, from the Ambassade de France, Aux Etats-Unis. The letter referenced our request and advised that the French government was pleased to enclose an official copy of Citation Order Number 508 awarding the 3rd U.S. Infantry Division, the Croix de Guerre with Palm.

The award of the French citation to a unit, entitles the unit to display the colors of the Croix de Guerre as a streamer on its flag, standard, or guidon.

During Memorial Day ceremonies on Veterans' Green following the parade, Agawam veteran Albert Peckam will receive the guidon and ribbon for his heroic service in World War II as a member of the 103rd Infantry Division. At that time, we will read to you the particular actions, provided by the French government, that led them to award the 103rd Infantry Division with France's highest military award.

All are invited to join us on Memorial Day, Monday, May 31, 1999. Our parade will step off at 10:30 a.m. from the Southworth Paper Co. on Main Street for a one-mile march to the Agawam Veterans' Green, where our ceremonies will take place.

Remember, freedom is not free — men died to win them. Memorial Day is the perfect time to show how much we appreciate those who served our country.

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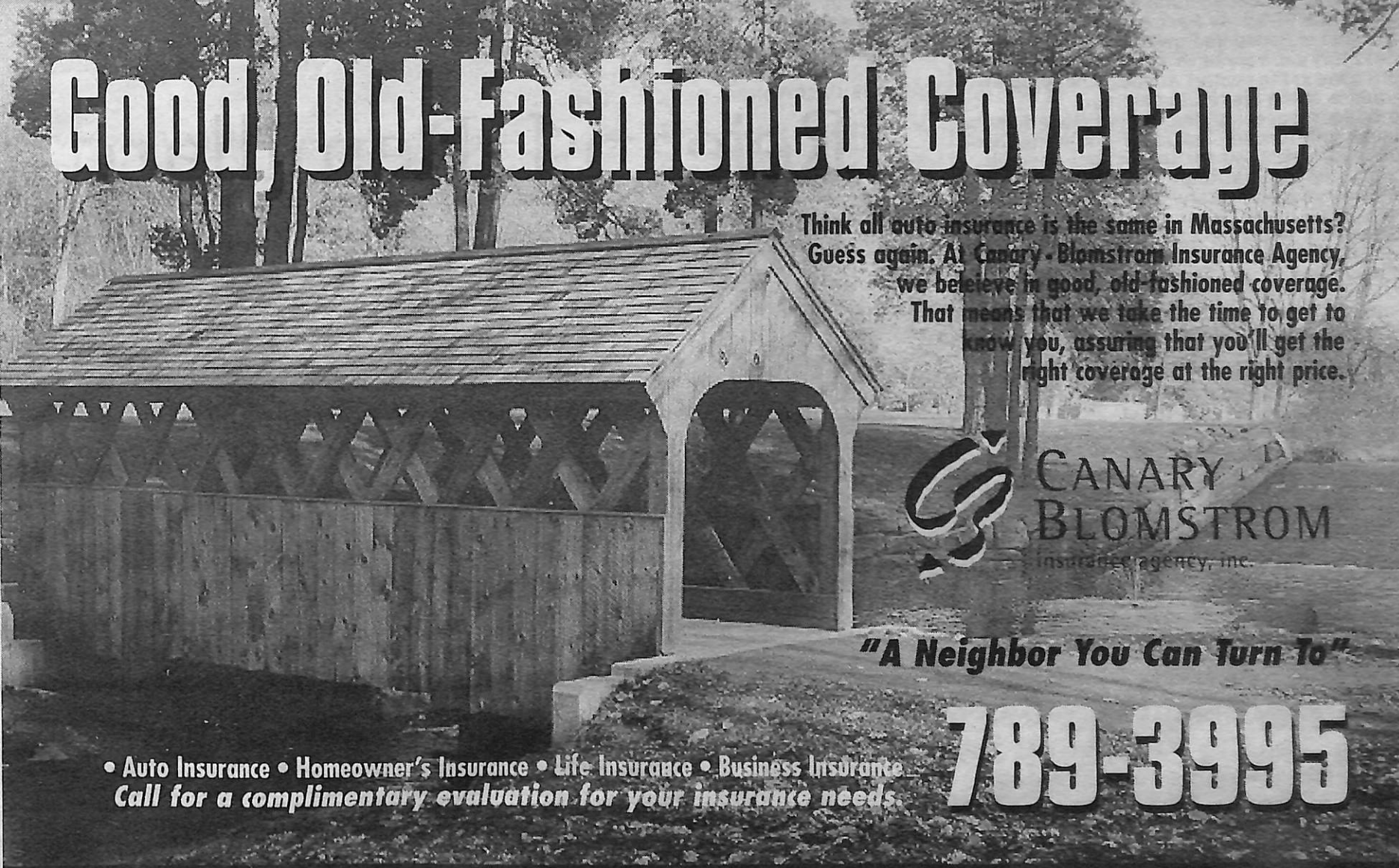
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No Property Tax Hike...

Johnson's Budget Shows No Tax Increase, No Increase In Sewer Or Water Rates

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

Agawam will be entering the 21st century with no increase in property taxes or water and sewer rates while remaining one of the few communities in the state never to have attempted to override Proposition 2½.

Mayor Christopher C. Johnson said next year's budget represents the administration's best effort to continue to provide high quality services without imposing new fees, raising the property tax levy, or seeking an override of Proposition 2½.

"We are currently levying property taxes at an annual rate approximately \$3 million below the maximum allowed by Proposition 2½," Johnson said. "If we taxed to the fullest extent allowed, the average single family tax bill would climb to over \$2,092. The town's fiscal prudence in building up the excess levy capacity is saving the average taxpayer over \$235 a year."

The \$45.2 million operating budget proposed by the Mayor is up \$2,656,553 or 6.24 percent over last year. There is also a \$1 million capital improvement budget which includes educational technology, road and sidewalk improvements, additional funding for the library expansion design, a new roof for the police station, and funding for school library materials.

Largest Area Of Increase

The largest area of increase is the School Department, which is up \$1,479,123 (6.3 percent) over last year; on the town side, spending is up \$646,751 or 4.4 percent. Overall, the largest areas of increase in the budget proposal accounting for an increase of more than \$1.29 million are debt service, benefits and insurance, and a 53rd pay-day for town employees, Johnson said.

Town employees receive their weekly paychecks on Thursday. There are 53 Thursdays in the upcoming fiscal year. This will cost the town \$195,000. Moreover, a slight increase in health insurance, coupled with an increase in Medex costs for retirees, will result in an increase of \$202,972. Also, county pension costs are up \$276,182 based on figures provided by the Hampden County Retirement Board.

Debt service is up \$627,666 due to the principal and interest costs of the school expansion projects. The town borrowed \$10 million on the projects in September 1998 and will permanently borrow the remaining \$9,650,000 this coming September to spread the financial impact to the town over two fiscal years and to get a better interest rate on the bonds.

Johnson said an increase in state aid, the utilization of free cash (revenue in excess of estimates and unused appropriations), continued new growth in the commercial and industrial tax base (with the Riverside Park expansion and the construction of Berkshire Power), and the build-up of excess levy capacity have all contributed to offset increases in the budget without a net property tax increase in the last four years.

The budget request of the School Department has been fully-funded, including additional appropriations of \$82,840 for the school councils, \$125,000 for educational technology, and \$100,000 for school library materials, Johnson said.

"The school superintendent had intended to use \$100,000 of next year's school choice money for library materials, but now all of the \$200,000 in school choice revenue will be unencumbered for the School Committee to use as they see fit," Johnson said. "I was able to fund all the items

they asked for."

Highlights in the area of public safety include three new police cruisers, one unmarked car, an additional police officer, and a new ambulance for the Fire Department.

In Public Works, the capital improvement budget includes \$150,000 for road resurfacing, storm drain work and sidewalk repair, and \$95,000 to replace the loader/tool carrier used for plowing, ice removal, mixing salt and sand, and loading the sanders.

In Human Services, the budget includes \$125,000 for library expansion design, the continuation of the senior rebate program, a \$7,500 increase in the book budget, and \$20,000 in park improvement funds to cover the cost of equipment repair and replacement.

In the area of benefits and insurance, the town's assessment from the Hampden County Retirement Board is expected to rise \$276,182 based on the negative impact the abolition of county government had on the retirement fund (caused by the transfer of active county employees and their contributions to the state retirement system, Johnson said).

"I am currently working with State Representative Dan Keenan, State Senator Linda Melconian, and Governor (Paul) Cellucci to hold the town harmless from the costs attributed to the abolition of Hampden County," Johnson said.

The Water Department budget is up 19.1 percent based on the anticipated completion and operation of the Berkshire Power plant, which is expected to go on line in August or September. When the plant begins operations, the Water Department will generate surplus revenues that will be used to create a capital reserve to fund future improvements to the water system without an increase in the water rate, Johnson said.

No Increase In Water Rate

The budget contains no increase in the water rate. The need for an increase in the sewer rate has been averted for one year based on anticipated revenue from Berkshire Power, and on the delay in the construction of the combined sewer/storm drain project in the Suffield Street and Springfield Street areas, Johnson said.

The municipal golf course budget is up 4.88 percent due to a small increase in course fees approved by the Golf Commission. The course is fully self-sustaining and receives no taxpayer subsidy.

In addition to paying a portion of the salaries in the offices of the mayor, auditor, treasurer, data processing, and DPW, the course pays its share of the grounds employees in the highway budget, Johnson said.

Veterans' Council Announces Poster & Essay Winners

The Memorial Day Poster and Essay Contest is sponsored annually by the VFW Post 1632, the American Legion Post 185, and the Agawam Veterans' Council. This year, the theme is "Women Veterans, Their Branches of Service and Sacrifices."

The Agawam Junior High students submits essays, and the Middle School pupils submit posters. We received 15 essays and 29 posters.

Essays were judged by members of the Veterans' Council and committee members. The results are as follows: first place, **Tami Burmeister**; second place, **Kevin Baptiste**; and third place, **Bethany Reid**.

The poster winners are first place, **Sonja Jediniak**; second place, **Stephanie Klebes**; and third place, **Caitlin Ranstrom**.

The first-place winners will receive a \$100 bond; the second-place finishers will receive a \$75 bond; and the third-place contestants will receive a \$50 bond. Congratulations to all!

Presentations will be made during the Memorial Day ceremonies on the Veterans' Green, immediately following the Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 31, 1999.

Swk. Police Seek Info Regarding Gunshot Victim

On Sunday, May 16th, Southwick Police discovered the body of a deceased man along the side of Fred Jackson Road in a nature sanctuary.

An autopsy was conducted on Monday, May 17th, and the cause of death was determined to be a single gunshot wound. The Southwick Police Department and the State Police Unit attached to the Hampden County District Attorney's Office are investigating the circumstances surrounding this murder.

The deceased victim is approximately 30 years of age, African-American, and from the Hartford area. His identity is being withheld until his next of kin can be notified.

Anyone with information should please notify the Southwick Police Department at (413) 569-5348.

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Our deadline is each Tuesday at 12:00 noon; however, we appreciate any articles, press releases, etc., that can be brought in on Mondays. Thank you ... AAN!!!

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Agawam Historical Assoc. Slates Annual Mtg. For May 25th

All are welcome when the Agawam Historical Association holds its annual meeting on Tuesday, May 25th at the Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main Street.

The evening begins with a business meeting and the election of officers for the upcoming year at 6:30 p.m., followed by dinner at 7:00 p.m. At 8:00 p.m., George Neuman, a nationally recognized authority on the Revolutionary War, will give his presentation entitled, "How Washington Won the Unwinnable War."

Cost for tickets is \$12.50 per person, which includes a dinner buffet of baked chicken and baked ham, potatoes, salad, vegetables, fruit bowl, coffee, tea, and dessert.

Those interested in attending should contact Carol or Bill Miller at 786-7329 before May 20th or mail checks to Agawam Historical Association, P.O. Box 552, Agawam, MA 01001.

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— Agawam Obituaries —

Samuel Schwartz

Samuel Schwartz, 66, of 943 River Road, Agawam, died recently at home.

He was associated with his brothers, Philip and Monty Schwartz, in Spring Street Drug, Mall Drugs, and Shoppers Drug.

Born in Springfield, he was a graduate of the former Technical High School.

He served in the Army during the early 1950's.

He leaves his wife, Dorothy (Cohen) Paro-Schwartz; two sons, Todd of West Springfield and Wayne of Ware; a daughter, Sindy Schwartz of Enfield; a stepson, Kenneth Paro of Ware; two stepdaughters, Jo Ann Camyre of Agawam and Gina Paro of West Springfield; a brother, Monty, and a sister, Jean Glantz, both of Longmeadow; four grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

A graveside service was held at Kodimoh Cemetery in West Springfield. Harold R. Ascher & Son Memorial Chapel of Springfield was in charge of the arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to Kodimoh Synagogue, 124 Sumner Avenue, Springfield, MA 01108, or the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, 171 Union Street, Springfield, MA 01105.

Elizabeth R. Reilly

Elizabeth R. Reilly, 86, of Sherwood Drive, Agawam, died recently.

She was the owner of Hartley's Guest House, Watch Hill, Rhode Island, since 1960. She also was a designer at the former Schlatters Florist, the former Steiger's, and the former Forbes and Wallace, all in Springfield.

Born and raised in Springfield, she lived in Agawam since the 1940's.

She was a communicant of St. John the Evangelist Church and a member of the Catholic Women's Club.

She was former secretary of the Springfield Florist Club. In the 1930's, she participated in and won several area beauty pageants.

Her first husband, Thomas W. Flynn, died in 1967, and her second husband, Joseph Reilly, died in 1984.

She leaves two nephews, Richard Talbot of Ludlow and Scott Talbot of Agawam; and a niece, Lea Rivkin of Agawam.

The funeral was held at Hafey Springfield Chapels and in the church, with burial in St. Michael's Cemetery.

Gail Blair

Gail (Knowlton) Blair, 73, of Feeding Hills, died recently at Baystate Medical Center, Springfield.

Prior to retirement, she worked for Bell Telephone in Springfield; the former Red Feather Charities, now operated by the United Way of Springfield; and Squires Restaurant in Agawam.

Born in Springfield, she lived in Feeding Hills most of her life.

She was a communicant of Sacred Heart Church. She was active in the Agawam Bowling Leagues.

Her husband, Ernest H. Blair, died last year.

She leaves a daughter, Michele Blair Voislow of Feeding Hills; a brother, Morgan C. Knowlton of Beverly; a grandson; two step-grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

The funeral was held at Colonial-Forastiere Funeral Home of Agawam and in the church, with burial in Springfield Street Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Lung Association, 393 Maple Street, Springfield, MA 01105.

John D. Shea

John D. Shea of Agawam, died recently at Mercy Hospital in Springfield.

Born in Holyoke, he lived in Agawam since 1966.

He worked at Holyoke Auto Parts and was a manager at Parmenter Auto Parts for many years. He retired in 1978.

He was a communicant of St. John the Evangelist Church and a member of the Elks Lodge and the Elmwood Lodge, both in Holyoke.

He leaves his wife, the former Julie Hallahan of Agawam.

The funeral was held at West Springfield Curran-Jones Funeral Home and the church, with burial in St. Michael's Cemetery.

Catherine Cordi

Catherine Cordi, 83, of 259 South Street, Agawam, died recently in a local nursing home.

She was a 15-year mail clerk and retired in 1981.

Her husband, Pasquale Cordi, died in 1960.

She leaves a son, Michael C. of Suffield; a daughter, Barbara M. (Cordi) Allen of Longmeadow; a sister, Evelyn M. Hyder of Wilbraham; and four grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Sampson's Chapel of the Acres Funeral Home and St. Anthony Maronite Church in Springfield.

Interment was in St. Michael's Cemetery, Springfield.

Lorraine T. Morrisette

Lorraine T. (Rivard) Morrisette, 73, of 886 Main Street, Agawam, died recently at her home.

Born in Feeding Hills, she attended Agawam schools and was a lifelong resident.

She was an assembler/inspector at Buxton Manufacturing (formerly of Springfield, now of Chicopee) for 30 years, retiring in 1990.

She worshipped at Saint Theresa's Church and was a member of the Buxton's 25 Year Club.

She is survived by her husband of 50 years, Jacques M. Morrisette; her son, Brian M. Morrisette of Enfield, CT; two sisters, Edith Weston of Feeding Hills and Shirley Nicholas of Reading, PA; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at the Colonial-Forastiere Funeral Home, with burial in Agawam Center Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association Western Mass. Regional Center, 1111 Elm Street, Suite 9A, West Springfield, MA 01089.

Barbara A. Dennis

Barbara A. (Murach) Dennis, 59, of 42D Pheasant Hill Drive in Feeding Hills, died recently at home.

She worked at the former AIM Packaging Inc. of West Springfield for 18 years, and at Kids Footwear in Westfield.

Born in Ludlow, she lived in West Springfield most of her life before moving to Feeding Hills three years ago.

She was a former communicant of St. Thomas Church.

Her husband, James H. Dennis, died in 1982.

She leaves a son, James H. Jr. of West Springfield; a daughter, Dawn A. Alexander of Southampton; her mother, Anna (Gajewski) Murach of Agawam; a brother, Donald L. Murach of Springfield; a sister, Phyllis A. Hout of Agawam; and three grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Toomey-O'Brien Funeral Home and the church, with burial in the parish cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Visiting Nurse Association and Hospice of Western New England, 50 Maple Street, P.O. Box 9058, Springfield, MA 01102-9058.

Phoebe J. Yeager

Phoebe J. (Pray) Yeager, 81, of 3H Mansion Woods Drive, Agawam, died recently in a local nursing home.

She worked at the former Steiger's Department Store in Springfield.

Born in Oak Park, Illinois, she graduated from Oak Park River Forest High School and attended Purdue University.

She moved to Longmeadow in 1963 and lived in Springfield before moving to Agawam.

She was a member of the Springfield and Longmeadow women's clubs and the Betsy Ross Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

She also was a Red Cross volunteer.

Her husband, Elwood L. Yeager, died in 1972.

She leaves a son, Peter L. of Washington, D.C., and a brother, David F. of Denver, Colorado.

A memorial service was held at First Church of Christ in Longmeadow, with burial in Longmeadow Cemetery. Colonial-Forastiere Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Daughters of the American Revolution, 33 Montague Road, Westhampton, MA 01027-9524.

Helen Bolin

Helen (Kunasko) Bolin, 90, of 462 Main Street, Agawam, and formerly of 91 East Park Street, Springfield, died recently in a local nursing home.

She was a long-time executive assistant at Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Co. of Springfield.

Born in Greenfield, she graduated from Greenfield High School and Bay Path College.

She was a member of South Congregational Church in Springfield.

Her husband, Edmund A. Bolin, died in 1945.

She leaves a sister, Stacia K. Parker of Alexandria, Virginia; a nephew, Russell Frink of Brookline; and two nieces, Linda L. Thompson of Alexandria, Virginia, and Judith Frink of La Jolla, California.

A private funeral was held at Dickinson-Streeter Funeral Home, with burial in Hillcrest Park Cemetery, both in Springfield.

Memorial contributions may be made to any charity.

Henrietta Mee

Henrietta (Zapatha) Lemieux Mee, 90, formerly of Cooley Street, Agawam, died recently in a local nursing home.

She worked for the former Buxton Leather Co. and retired in 1972.

Born in Pittsfield, she lived in Agawam most of her life and was a communicant of St. Theresa Church.

Her first husband, Leo Lemieux, died in 1974, and her second husband, Albert E. Mee, in 1989.

She leaves a son, Leon A. Lemieux of Springfield; two brothers, Merrill Kanowski of Agawam and Edward Kanowski of Maine; and two grandchildren.

The funeral service was held at Toomey-O'Brien Funeral Home and the church, with burial in St. Joseph Polish National Cemetery, Springfield.

Dorothy F. Mezzetti

Dorothy F. (Fortin) Mezzetti, 80, of 886 Main Street, Agawam, died recently at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield.

Born in Milford, she lived in Springfield before moving to Agawam in 1996.

She was a communicant of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church in Springfield, and belonged to the Dante Club of West Springfield and the Marconi Club in Springfield.

Her husband, Anko "Butch" Mezzetti, died in 1991.

She leaves two sons, Robert of Longmeadow and Richard of South Hadley; two daughters,

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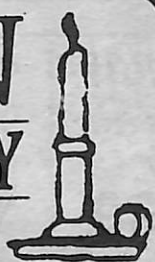
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Roberta Cayer of Springfield and Barbara Welch of Feeding Hills; a brother, George Fortin of Springfield; two sisters, Gloria Cassanelli of Springfield and Corrine Leonard of Fort Myers, Florida; seven grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Tazzini Funeral Home and the church, with burial in Gate of Heaven Cemetery, all in Springfield.

Memorial contributions may be made to the church renovation fund at 123 William Street, Springfield, MA 01105.

Memorial Service For Lorraine (Wilson) Walker

There will be a Memorial Service for Lorraine (Wilson) Walker at the Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main Street, Agawam, on Saturday, May 22nd, at 10:00 a.m.

Lorraine was a lifelong member of the church. She served on the Board of Trustees and was the Assistant Financial Secretary for many years.

LEGAL NOTICE

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF AGAWAM
BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing at the Agawam Middle School Auditorium, 68 Main St., Agawam, MA on THURSDAY, MAY 27, 1999 at 6:30 P.M., for all parties interested in the appeal of LORI DONUTS, INC., C/O JOHN SALEMA, who is seeking a Special Permit in accordance with Section 180-44, Paragraph H of the Zoning Ordinances, which would allow for the construction of a Dunkin Donuts restaurant drive-thru window at the premises identified as: 152-160 SILVER STREET.

Doreen Prouty, Acting Chairperson

Published: May 20, 1999

Announcement From Dan Keenan...

Teacher Retirement Options Supported In State House Of Reps.

State Representative Daniel F. Keenan is pleased to announce the unanimous support in the House of Representatives for legislation which provides retirement alternatives to teachers in public schools. Under the new proposal, teachers would have the option of retiring approximately three to four years earlier than scheduled.

"The contributions of a teacher to our children, school, and community can not be measured," stated Keenan. "Teachers deserve to be rewarded for their commitment."

The legislation was incorporated into the House fiscal year 2000 budget recommendations, and enactment of this legislation is pending the Senate's and Governor's endorsement.

Anyone interested in receiving a summary of the proposed legislation should contact Rep. Keenan's district office at (413) 786-4545.

Voluntary Recall Of One-Million Carbon Monoxide Detectors

The Agawam Fire Department has announced a voluntary manufacturer's recall of about one-million carbon monoxide detectors, including 650,000 Nighthawks and 350,000 Lifesavers.

Chief David Pisano said Kidde Safety of Mebane, North Carolina, in cooperation with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, announced the recall.

Both brands contain potential defects that could render them inoperative. For additional information, call Kidde Safety, toll-free at 888-543-3346, Monday-Friday, from 8:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.

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Melconian Offers Testimony On Senate Bill 175

Majority Leader Linda J. Melconian (D-Springfield) submitted testimony on Wednesday, May 12th, in support of her legislation, Senate Bill 175, which safeguards the area around senior citizens' homes from drug dealing.

The bill, modeled after laws which protect schools and playgrounds, would create a mandatory town-and-a-half-year jail sentence for anyone caught dealing drugs within 1,000 feet of a senior citizen housing complex.

Melconian stated, in testimony delivered by her legal counsel, "Our seniors are especially vulnerable to the dangers of drug dealing and the violent crime that comes with it. We have to give police the tools to combat these dangers."

Melconian's bill would modify section 32J of chapter 94C and create a 1,000-foot safety zone around state-aided or federally-aided housing developments for the elderly and around communities constructed expressly for use as housing for persons 60 years of age or older.

Ignorance of the boundaries of a senior home would not be a defense against charges brought under this law. The bill singles out seniors for protection because their age makes them especially vulnerable to the theft that accompanies illegal drug use and because they spend significant amounts of time in their homes.

"When drug deals are happening right outside your door, it is terrifying," said Melconian. "Seniors should not live in fear of drug dealing on their doorstep."

Junior Women's Club Members Are Anxious For Arts/Crafts Fair

The Agawam Junior Women's Club's 25th Annual Arts & Crafts Fair promises to be better than ever before with a wonderful selection of artisans and crafters from near and far.

The fair is scheduled for Saturday, June 5th from 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Featured will be a wide variety of items. Come see the selection of high quality crafts!

The fair will be held on the grounds of the Captain Charles Leonard House at 663 Main Street (Route 159) in Agawam. The show will be juried and feature approximately 70-80 exhibitors.

Admission is free and all proceeds benefit the Agawam Junior Women's Club Scholarship Fund. A raffle of items donated by crafters will be held in conjunction with the fair. Winners need not be present to win. Tours of the historic Captain Charles Leonard House will be available. A Youth Art Exhibit will be on display inside the Leonard House as well.

Parking will be available at the Bethany Assembly of God parking lot. There will be on-street parking where posted. Parking will not be allowed along Main Street (Route 159).

Anyone interested in obtaining an application should call Paula Macauley at 786-0511 or write to Agawam Junior Women's Club, Craft Fair, P.O. Box 332, Agawam, MA 01001.

LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND ENERGY

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

D.T.E. 99-35

WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS ELECTRIC COMPANY

Petition of Western Massachusetts Electric Company for exemption from the Zoning By-Laws of the Town of Agawam, Massachusetts for the purpose of constructing and operating a substation for public use.

The Petitioner, Western Massachusetts Electric Company ("WMECo" or "Company"), seeks an exemption from the Zoning By-Laws of the Town of Agawam in order to construct and operate a new substation near Moylan Lane in Agawam, Massachusetts. Specifically, WMECo seeks an exemption from the provisions of Agawam Zoning By-Laws, section 180-63, which precludes structures over 40 feet in height, and from any other provision of the Agawam Zoning By-Laws that may preclude construction of the substation. The exemption is necessary because the substation requires 70-foot high line terminal structures and eight (8) new transmission line pole structures (approximately 70-80 feet in height) to support the overhead lines that will connect the substation to the existing grid.

The proposed substation will be a new 115-kV substation on a site northwest of Hubbard Corner, near Moylan Lane, in the southern portion of the Town of Agawam. The substation will straddle a parcel of land owned by WMECo and another parcel of approximately 3.5 acres to be acquired by WMECo from Berkshire Power Development, Inc. ("Berkshire"). The footprint of the proposed substation will be approximately 2.0 acres in size. The substation will provide space for a 24-foot by 40-foot relay and control enclosure, and electrical equipment consisting of switching devices, current limiting reactors, voltage sensing devices, surge arresters, electrical bus, supporting steel structures and foundations, and interconnecting control cables and conduits. Eight new transmission line pole structures will support the overhead conductors that will connect the substation to the existing transmission grid. The Petitioner proposes to use the substation to interconnect Berkshire's electric generating facility to the WMECo system. The petition also states that the substation is important for reliability and flexibility of the transmission system.

The Department will conduct a public hearing on this petition in the Town of Agawam, Massachusetts on Thursday, May 27, 1999 at 7:00 p.m. at the Agawam Senior High School, 760 Cooper Street, Agawam, Massachusetts.

The Petitioner, WMECo, is ordered to give notice of said hearing by publication twice hereof — once at least fourteen (14) days, and once at least seven (7) days — before the date of such hearing in THE BOSTON GLOBE and THE SPRINGFIELD UNION NEWS, and to post such notice in a conspicuous place in the Agawam Town Hall for a period of not less than fourteen (14) days before and continuing through the date of such hearing. The petitioner is also ordered to give notice of said hearing by publication on two separate dates prior to the date of the public hearing in THE AGAWAM ADVERTISER NEWS. In addition, the Petitioner is ordered to serve a copy of this notice by mail at least fourteen (14) days before the date of such hearing on: the Town of Agawam Zoning Board of Appeals, City Council, Planning Board, Town Clerk, and Town Solicitor and all persons or entities, governmental or private, owning real estate abutting the proposed parcel and abutters to the abutters within three hundred feet of the property line of this parcel as they appear on the most recent applicable tax list.

WMECo is further ordered to deposit copies of its petition and supporting documents for public inspection at the Agawam Town Library no later than seven (7) days before the public hearing and continuing through the date a final Order is issued by the Department in this docket. At the time of the hearing, WMECo shall make return of service and proof of publication, including a list of those individuals and entities to whom notice was sent.

Any person who desires to state his or her position on this petition may do so at the time and place noted above. Pursuant to 220 C.M.R. 1.03(1), any person who desires to participate in the adjudicatory proceeding concerning the above petition shall file a written petition for leave to intervene or to participate in the proceeding with Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary, DTE, 100 Cambridge Street, 12th Floor, Boston, Massachusetts 02202, not later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, June 4, 1999. A petition to intervene must satisfy the timing and substantive requirements of 220 C.M.R. 1.03. Receipt by the Department — not mailing — constitutes filing and determines whether a petition has been timely filed. To be allowed, a petition under 220 C.M.R. 1.03(1) must satisfy the standing requirements of G.L. c. 30A, section 10.

By Order of the Department,
Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary

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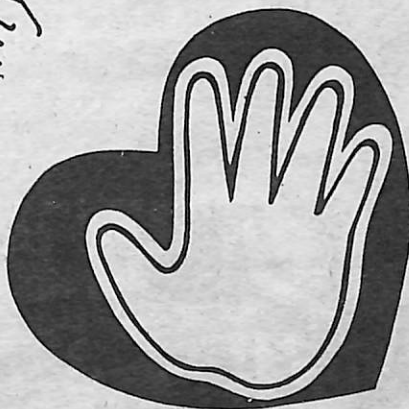
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ON ARBOR DAY, the Agawam Public Library hosted and conducted (with The American Chestnut Foundation) a chestnut planting program for area families. Over 80 chestnut seeds were carefully planted by residents, and then the plantings were taken home. IN TOP PHOTO: Caitlin Heer, Victoria Tran, Vibiana Tran, and Felicia Tran. IN PHOTO BELOW: Tom Ennis and Susan Ennis. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



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Christopher M. Hearn Graduates From Air Force Basic Training

Air National Guard Airman 1st Class Christopher M. Hearn has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and customs, and received special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Hearn is the son of Michael J. and Diane M. Hearn of 2 Butterwood Road, Agawam.

He is a 1998 graduate of Agawam High School.



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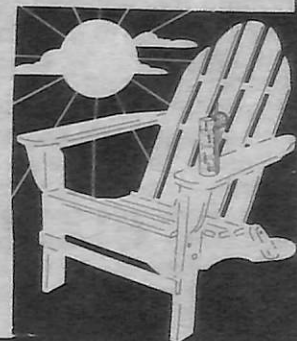
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Junior Women's Club Members Attend Annual Conference

The General Federation of Women's Clubs of Massachusetts and the Junior Federation of Women's Clubs held their Annual Conference on April 24, 1999 in Plymouth, MA.

Fourteen members from the Agawam Junior Women's Club were in attendance: Cindy Sanford-Taylor, Stephanie Bertagnolli, Eileen Hamre, Mary O'Connell, Ann Woodard, Theresa Conklin, Donna Shibley, Rosalie Dialessi, Wendy Lieberman, Carol Patrick, Betty Vershon, Laura Paul, Liz Taylor, and Wilma Gillan.

Our host was the Hanover Women's Club, who welcomed us and gave us a brief history of the women who molded the town. As each woman was mentioned, our host changed hats to reflect the era.

For example, in 1649, Ann Barstow and her husband traded with the Indians for land in Scituate, where they built the first bridge.

Alice and Samuel Stetson supported the patriots during the Revolutionary War and their home is a museum and meeting house today.

Ruth Bailey was a Revolutionary War hero. While her husband went off to support the loyalists, Ruth supported the patriots. Several other women were also mentioned as we moved through the 18th and 19th centuries, but it would take too long to go through them all.

In the afternoon, our guest speaker, Diane Finn, teacher and author of the book "The Secrets of Plymouth Rock," spoke of the testimonial to the rock and its trials and tribulations in preserving it.

Before the day was over, the club took home awards for best medium-size club in the following federations and special projects: The Arts, Conservation, Advocates for Children, Women's Health Issues, Home Life, International Affairs, Leadership, Membership, Public Affairs, Newsletter, and Pressbook.

They also won overall excellence among all the Massachusetts clubs for the Physical & Financial Fitness, and Programs and Activities categories.

If you wish to join our club, our meetings are held every third Tuesday of the month at the Captain Charles Leonard House on Main Street in Agawam at 7:30 p.m.

The Agawam Junior Women's Club is a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs



THE FOURTEEN MEMBERS of the Agawam Junior Women's Club who attended the recently held conference in Plymouth, MA: front row - Cindy Sanford Taylor, Stephanie Bertagnolli, and Eileen Hamre; middle row - Mary O'Connell, Ann Woodard, Theresa Conklin, Donna Shibley, Rosalie Dialessi, and Wendy Lieberman; back row - Carol Patrick, Betty Vershon, Laura Paul, Liz Taylor, and Wilma Gillan.

Attorney Alfred R. Casella Speaks At Mtg. Of Agawam Golden Age Club, Chapter 1

Agawam resident Attorney Alfred R. Casella, of the Law Office of Benjamin A. Barnes, PC, Northampton, was invited to speak at the Agawam Golden Age Club, Chapter 1 meeting by the program chairperson, Cecilia Rebecchi on April 28th.

He gave a brief overview of life and estate planning documents and strategies, Attorney Casella practices in the areas of trust and estates, real estate law, equine law, and civil litigation. He encouraged the seniors to ask questions of any of the subjects covered or if they had any not

covered.

He told them it is very important to avoid problems later and to have everything spelled out as they would want their wishes carried out. Even little items that have no financial value, but to some family members they hold sentimental values.

It was educational as well, bringing to mind what seniors need to do to help families avoid problems that have occurred in past litigation of some families.

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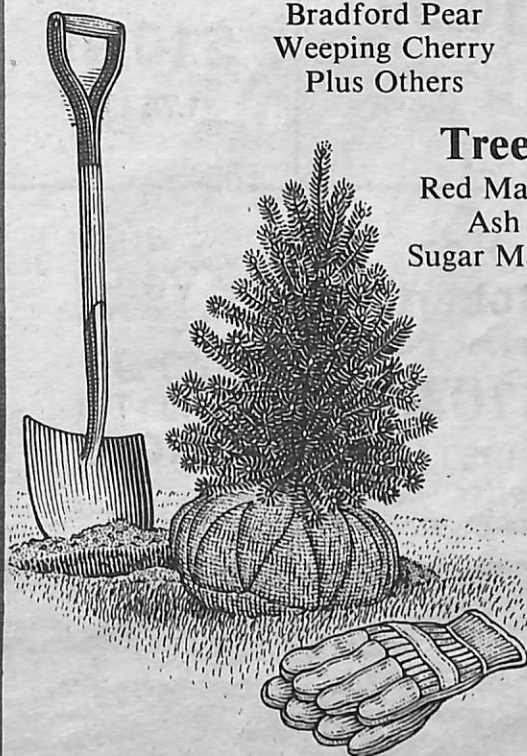
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Pancake Breakfast...



LAST MONTH, a pancake breakfast was held at the Agawam Senior Center to benefit the ASGA (Agawam Senior Games Athletes). Pictured above are senior athletes Desiree Jacobs and Hal Deyo. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



MEMBERS OF THE Agawam Lions Club served as cooks for the ASGA pancake breakfast, including "chefs" Jim Loomis and Lyman Simpson. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



JULIE AND KEN THERIAQUE were among the "pancake patrons" who enjoy themselves at the recent ASGA pancake breakfast. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Gearing Up For Fundraising Tag Sale...



MEMBERS OF THE Agawam Historical Association were busy recently preparing for the May 14th-15th tag sale to benefit the Agawam Historical & Fire House Museum. From left to right: Wes Bradford, Joan Jenks, Bill Miller, Marilyn Curry, Nancy Rosner, Carol Miller, and Russ Jenks. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

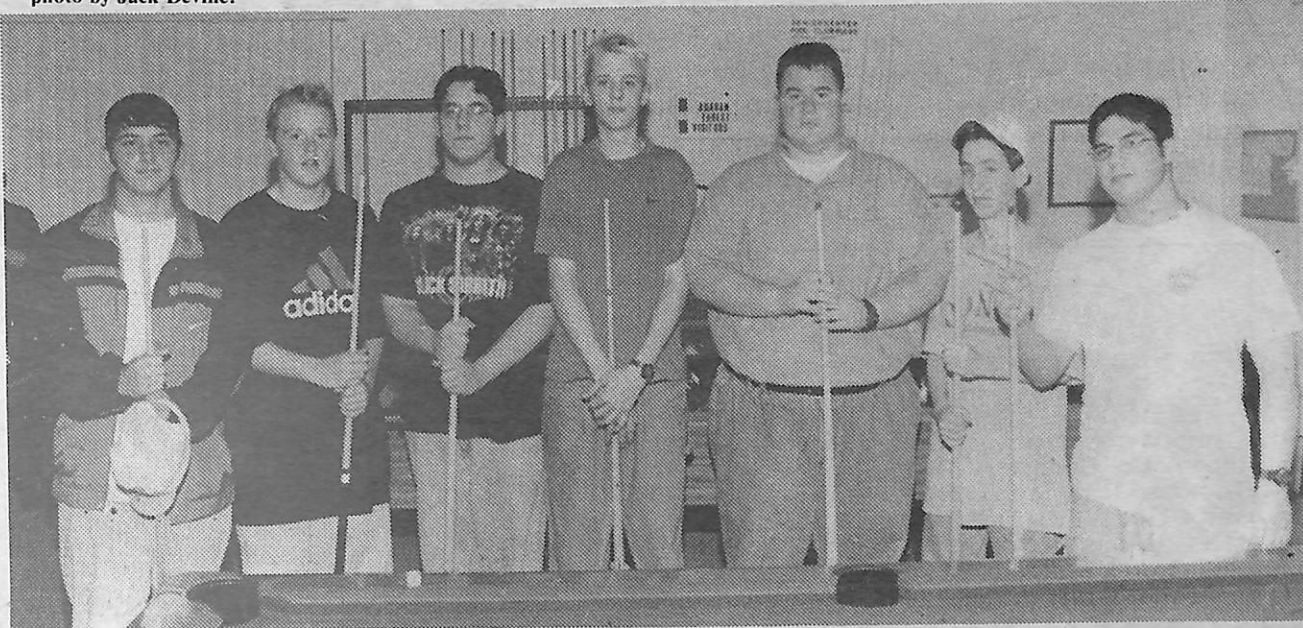
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These aspiring pool players love to "rack 'em up" with their more seasoned competitors: Steve Pilegi, Tim Hubbard, Ben Dickmann, Dave Laskowski, Patrick Lennon, Karl Konopka, and Josh Dickmann. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Heritage Hall Honors Its Volunteers...



LAST MONTH, Heritage Hall held its 1999 "Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast" at Old Country Buffet in West Springfield. IN LEFT PHOTO: Regina Bossig (Heritage Hall North), Bill Stafford (Heritage Hall West), and Program Manager Jody Burns hold a check representing in-kind volunteer services. IN CENTER PHOTO: Sarah Hill (left) receives a Full Life Volunteer Award from volunteer coordinator/director Kim George. IN RIGHT PHOTO: Jane Vella (Hamilton Standard), Kim George, and Sue Douglas (Hamilton Standard) hold the "Excellence in Community Service" award that Heritage Hall bestowed upon Hamilton Standard. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

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Church News

9th Annual McCobb Golf Tourney Slated For Sat., June 5th

The Agawam Congregational Church will hold its Ninth Annual Charlie McCobb Golf Tournament on Saturday, June 5th, at St. Anne's Golf Course in Feeding Hills, with a shotgun start at 1:30 p.m.

All golfers are welcome: men, women, seniors, and youths. There is a \$35 fee, which includes greens, cart, and buffet (the buffet dinner will begin at 6:30 p.m.). The deadline is Friday, May 21st. For tee times and reservations, call Tom Erskine, 786-4783; Warren Parker, 786-5392; or the church office, 786-7111.

There will be prizes, prizes, and more prizes! Again this year, we will have special prizes for hole-in-ones: third hole — golf vacation for two/set of clubs; ninth hole — \$10,000; 11th hole — set of Tour Edge Fibersonic Irons; and 13th hole — framed artwork. There will also be a \$100 cash prize for the Low Gross Team (\$25 each player), plus many more prizes.

This tournament raises funds for our Family & Youth Outreach Ministries. You may help us reach our goal of \$3,000 by becoming a hole sponsor/green (\$50); taking a business ad in our golf program (\$25); or becoming one of our personal patrons (\$15 [which includes a ticket to the buffet at the end of the tournament] or \$10 donation). Join our list of contributors!

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Pot Roast Dinner At St. David's Church

St. David's Episcopal Church will be hosting a Pot Roast Dinner on Monday, June 7th at 6:00 p.m. The dinner will be held at St. David's Church, 699 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills.

The menu will include pot roast, oven roasted potatoes, glazed carrots, tossed salad, bread and butter, coffee, tea and juice, and dessert.

Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$3 for children under 12. These may be purchased in advance at St. David's or at the door. Due to a sellout on the last three dinners, we will be unable to hold unpaid reservations past 6:30 p.m. without prior arrangements.

Proceeds from this dinner will go towards the debt reduction of the new church building.

For more information, please call (413) 786-6133.

St. John's Parish News And Notes

FIRST COMMUNION

We welcomed the following children to the Table of the Lord last Saturday with their First Communion.

We are most grateful to Sr. Frances Gloster, Rose Ciborowski, Diane Hajdamowicz, Judy Meagher, Lisa Stanton, Donna Zucco, and their aids who worked so hard to help the parents of these children prepare for this great day:

Isabel Ablanitis, Zachary Benoit, Allison Black, Brie Bobeck, Alexandra Bonavita, Ashley Breault, Brianna Brinkmann, Michael Bryant, Jamie Buoniconti, Rachel Butt, Lindsay Caroleo, Travis Carter, Alisha Chechile, Michael Cuonos, Nicole Desimone, Joshua Doherty, Christopher Drane III, Kerri Egan, Danielle Fife, Paul Frasco, Emily Gendron, Laken Gendron, Jennifer Goldbach, Carlos Gomes, Jr., James Grzelak, Lauren Hayden, Michael Iacolino, Kathleen Jergensen, Brianna Kane, Siobhan Keenan, Justina Kennedy, Matthew Knowlton, William Krach.

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FATHER KARL HULLER MEMORIAL

There will be a formal dedication of the lower church area as the "Father Karl Huller Educational Center" on Sunday, May 23rd. The ceremony will take place immediately after the 11:30 Mass, followed by a reception in the Parish Center.

All are invited.

1999-2000 SCHOOL YEAR REGISTRATION

A letter for pre-registration for Religious Education for next September was mailed recently. The deadline for returning the form is August 1st.

If there are any problems or questions, call Sister Francis Gloster at 786-8105.

OVER-60 CLUB

Annual Banquet — June 3rd: At the Colosseum in West Springfield. Cost is \$12.

Reservations can be made on May 20th.

ANNOINTING MASS

Our Annual Anointing Mass will be at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 4th. We invite all of our shut-ins who are able to come to receive the Sacrament of the Sick.

A reception will follow in the Parish Center.

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Weekly Calendar From Ag. Congregational

This Sunday, May 23rd, is Pentecost Sunday. At the 10:30 a.m. Worship Service at Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main Street, Agawam, Rev. Fuller's Sermon will be "Filled with the Spirit," taken from Text: Acts 2:1-21. His Children's Message will be "Whooooosh!"

New members Bruce and Jennifer Hall will join the church family.

The final Church School classes will be this Sunday. Summer Church School will begin on Sunday, June 13th.

Following the service, part two of the "Camper-ship Auction" will take place in Bryan Hall during the Coffee Hour.

On Friday, May 21st, the Club 56 (fifth- and sixth-graders) will hold a meeting from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. at the church.

The Junior/Senior High Youth Groups will hike Mt. Greylock on Saturday, May 22nd. Meet at the church at 10:00 a.m.; they will return about 6:00 p.m.

Questions? Contact the church office, 786-7111.

Men's Prayer Time is held weekly on Tuesdays at 7:45 a.m. This half-hour includes a devotional reading, prayer, and a time of refreshments and fellowships.

All are welcome to this very special time. For more information, contact Rev. Fuller at 786-7111.

A Veterans' Memorial Day Service will be held on Sunday, May 30th, at 10:30 a.m.

We are looking for small stuffed animals (new or almost new) to give out as prizes for the carnival at the "Spring into Summer Fair" on June 5th.

Call the church office, 786-7111, to drop off the prizes.

The Ninth Annual Charlie McCobb Memorial Golf Tournament is scheduled for Saturday, June 5th, with a shotgun start at 1:30 p.m. at St. Anne's Golf Course.

All golfers are welcome, and there will be prizes, prizes, and more prizes!

Proceeds from the tournament will benefit the Family & Youth Outreach Ministries.

The "Spring into Summer Fair" is scheduled for Saturday, June 5th, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. There will be crafts, flea market finds, a carnival area, a delicious luncheon, and surprises. Join us!

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According to Genesis 6, Noah lived in a time of terrible wickedness, yet he kept himself from all the evil around him. He must have known the Lord in a close, personal way, for he was described as a man who "walked with God" (v.9).

This raises an important question. How do we really get to know someone? Let me illustrate: Many years have passed since that wonderful day my wife and I were married, and I realize how little I knew her at that time. Only after living with her and growing together, through both the sweet and the bitter experiences of life, have I come to appreciate her for who and what she is. I know her better and love her more than ever before.

In a similar manner, it takes time to get to know God. We hear what the Bible says about God the Father, Jesus His Son, and the Holy Spirit. But to really get to know God, we must receive Jesus as our personal Savior. Then we must learn all we can about Him through studying God's Word and fellowshiping with Him each day. Getting acquainted with God means talking with our heavenly Father in prayer, trusting and obeying the Lord Jesus, and daily relying on the power and guidance of the indwelling Holy Spirit.

That's what it takes to know God. —RWD

Life's journey is to know the Lord,
To trust Him every day,
To read His Word, to learn His will,
To love Him, and to pray. —Sper

TO KNOW THE BIBLE IS GOOD;
TO KNOW ITS AUTHOR IS BETTER.

Church News - continued...

Chicken Galore At Valley Comm. Church...



VALLEY COMMUNITY CHURCH has gained a reputation for serving chicken dinners that will satisfy even the heartiest of appetites. From left to right: Kendall Hill, Jaime Pearsons, Jessica Stacy, Tyler Pearsons, and Joe & Helen Draghetti. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

For copies of his photos in this edition, contact photographer Jack Devine at 789-0053...

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Church News - continued...

News From F.H. Congregational

You are welcome to join with us at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church, which is located at 21 N. Westfield Street in Feeding Hills. Our Sunday morning service of worship begins at 10:00 a.m.

The lectionary readings for Pentecost Sunday will be Acts 2:1-21 or Numbers 11:24-30; Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13; John 20:19-23 or John 7:37-39.

This will be Children's Sunday, when we celebrate worship together led by the young people of our church. Nursery care will be provided for the very young. All worshippers are invited to remain after the service for an all-church picnic.

The Board of Christian Education has scheduled a tag sale for Saturday, May 22nd, from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. There will be baked goods for sale also.

While you purchase some treasures and goodies to eat, you may also treat your car to a bath! Sunday School students will wash your vehicle for \$4. The students are raising money to support Christian Education programming and subsidize their end-of-the-year field trip.

The Board of Stewardship and Missions reminds you to please return your Gift & Promise pledge cards as soon as you are able. Filled cards may be returned in the collection plates, or to the Stewardship mailbox. Extra copies are available in the back of the church if you need one.

Our first Gift & Promise collection will be Sunday, May 23rd. Personalized envelopes will be available the week after we receive your pledge card!

Now and through June 13th, the Board of Stewardship & Missions is taking a collection of Health and School kits for Church World Services.

The refugee crisis in Kosovo has depleted inventories of these kits. Checklists for the contents of each kit are available in Griswold Hall by the bulletin board. Please return completed kits to the box here at the church.

CWS is now asking that you include \$1/kit to help cover transit costs of kits to their final destination. If you choose to do so, you may leave the money with the kit, or in the Stewardship

mailbox.

Please help CWS replenish their stocks by furnishing a kit or two!

School will be out soon. Need something for your kids to do? Summer camp registration and church campership information for children and adults is available from Lynn Hall. Camp brochures are available in Griswold Hall.

Please see Lynn Hall or Lani Kretschmar if you are interested in registering for summer camp. Financial aid forms for Grotonwood are also available from Lynn Hill.

Our monthly evening service of worship will take place on Sunday, May 23rd, at 6:30 p.m.

All are invited to bring a favorite hymn or song, poem, or story to share.

Movie Night will be held here on Friday, May 21st, at 7:00 p.m. Those not wishing to watch the movie are invited to bring some cookie batter with them to bake at the church.

Cookies will be shared the following Sunday after worship. Baked goods for the bake sale may be brought to the church any time during this evening event.

The United Church of Christ 22nd General Synod will take place at the Rhode Island Conference Center in Providence from July 1st until July 6th.

Please see Rev. Rob for more complete details.

On the calendar:

Friday, May 21st: 7:00 p.m., Movie Night.

Saturday, May 22nd: 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., CE Tag Sale/Bake Sale/Car Wash; 1:00 p.m., Quilting.

Sunday, May 23rd: 10:00 a.m., Children's Sunday/Gift & Promise Sunday; All Church Picnic; 6:30 p.m., Worship.

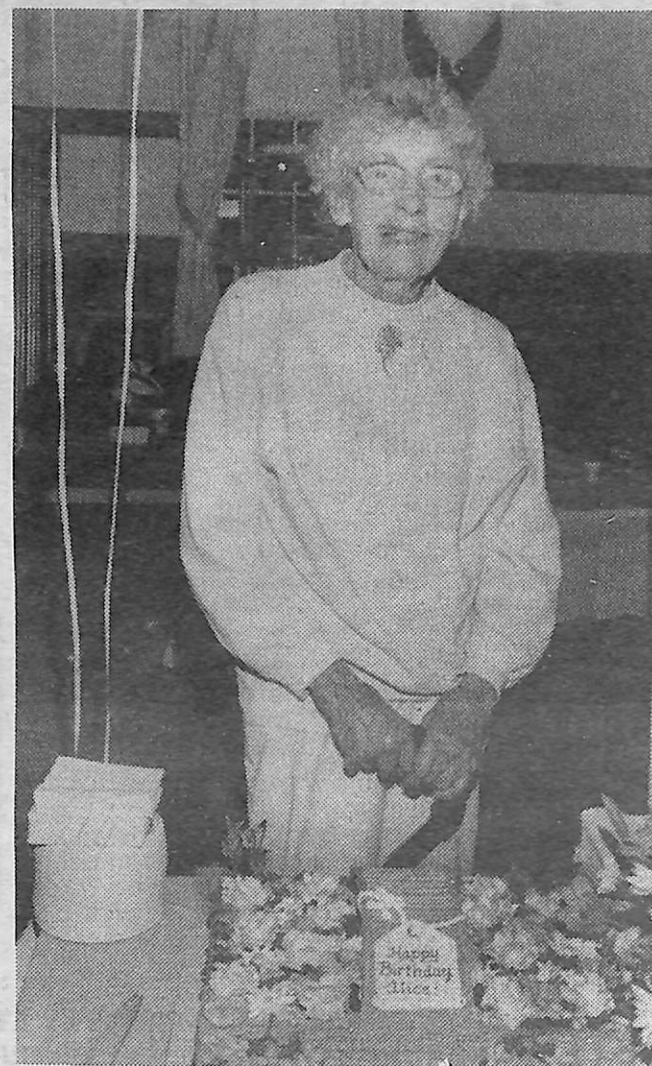
Monday, May 24th: 4:00 p.m., Girl Scouts; Big E Committee.

Tuesday, May 25th: 7:00 p.m., A.A.

Wednesday, May 26th: 4:00 p.m., Girl Scouts; 6:30 p.m., Girl Scouts; 7:00 p.m., Choir.

Thursday, May 27th: 7:00 p.m., A.A.

Happy Birthday!!!



ON MAY 2ND at the Agawam Congregational Church, lifelong church member Alice Moore (above) celebrated her 87th birthday with her family and "church family" in Bryan Hall. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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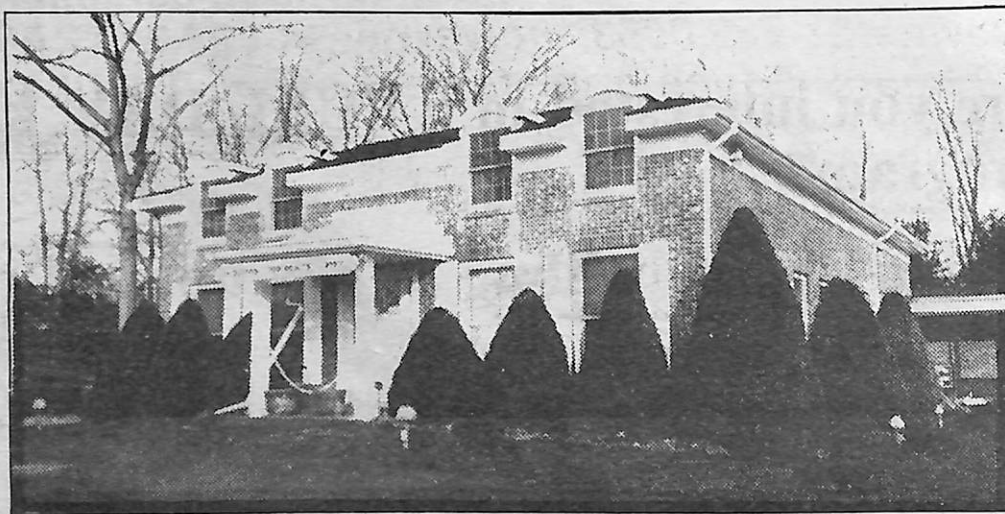


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Being Comfortable With The Holy Spirit

Most Christians think of themselves as trinitarians. That means Christians believe in God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. The trinity is a foundational Christian doctrine. However, many Christians struggle in the actual presence of the trinitarian doctrine.

Christians are comfortable with the concept of God the Father. This is interesting, because the concept of God as our Heavenly Father was not widespread in the Old Testament era. In fact, God is referred to as "Father" only 13 times in the entire Old Testament, in only five of the 40 books of the Old Testament.

The earliest reference to God as "Father" was by King David, well more than a thousand years after God revealed Himself to Abraham. Interestingly enough, although both Abraham and Moses conversed directly and intimately with God, neither one of them is recorded as referring to God as "Father." And yet, the simplest and newest Christian calls God "Father" easily.

The Bible tells us that the followers of Jesus Christ were first called Christians in Antioch. Christians are not those people who are distinguished merely that they're not Jewish or Muslim, but rather are people who are followers of Jesus Christ. Embracing Jesus Christ as one's personal Savior and Lord presupposes a level of familiarity and comfort with God the Son.

Christians are also supposed to have a high level of familiarity and comfort with God the Holy

Spirit, but practically speaking, that is oftentimes not the case. Christians should be assured that each of us is supposed to be familiar with and comfortable with the Holy Spirit; it is God's will that we should be.

After His resurrection, Jesus visited with the Christians of His day, and **He breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit."**

Throughout the Book of Acts, which is the recorded history of the early Church, it was expected that Christians would be baptized, that is, filled with the Holy Spirit. Some Christians today would claim that they're filled with or baptized in the Holy Spirit when they accept Jesus Christ as their Savior, and for some that might be the case.

However, in most instances in the Bible, receiving Jesus Christ as Savior and receiving the Holy Spirit were separate acts. Moreover, there was no doubt about it; Acts chapter 2 describes the day of Pentecost as an event worth remembering.

Sadly, much of the Christian Church has distanced itself from the Holy Spirit, practically speaking. Spirituality is relegated to a few "on the edge" or to those outside the Church altogether. Why should that be? Why is it that Christians can be comfortable with God the Father and God the Son, but not with God the Holy Spirit?

Since our earliest days, the Church has struggled with the Holy Spirit and His ministry among us. The gifts of the Holy Spirit can be a stumbling block to some, but they shouldn't be.

They are **the utterance of wisdom, the utterance of knowledge, faith, gifts of healing, working of miracles, prophecy, discernment of spirits, tongues, and the interpretation of tongues.** None of these gifts are frightening, nor should they be controversial. Christians should feel comfortable employing them, because they come from God.

The gifts of the Holy Spirit are for every Christian; **to each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.** It is hard to imagine how any Christian can rationally think we don't need the power of the Holy Spirit, since it's apparent that God does.

Tag Sale/Car Wash/Bake Sale Slated For This Saturday At F.H. Congregational

The Board of Christian Education of the Feeding Hills Congregational Church will sponsor the church's annual Tag Sale/Car Wash/Bake Sale on Saturday, May 22nd, from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Proceeds from this event will go toward Christian Education programming, including subsidizing the annual field trip for Sunday School students and their families.

Many treasures will be available for sale, including puzzles, games, luggage, and swim fins. Come and browse at your leisure; arrive early for the best selection.

In addition to the tag sale items, home-baked

goods will be offered for sale. If you've ever eaten a dinner here at the church, or at our dining room at the Big E, you know what good cooks the members of our church are. Come on in for some morning munchies or a delicious dinner dessert.

Everyone is very busy these days, and the young people of the church understand your need for efficiency. So, while you browse the tag sale items or select homemade treats, you car will be washed for you at a cost of only \$4.

This is a rain or shine event, so there's no reason for you not to be there!

For photo coverage in The AAN, contact photographer Jack Devine at 789-0053; however, please give him at least 48 hours' notice prior to your event. Thank you.

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"Spring Into Summer" Fair At Ag. Congregational

Come and join in the "Spring Into Summer" Fair on Saturday, June 5th, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main Street, Agawam.

There will be a Garden Gate Shop featuring flower decor for your home, as well as a variety of plants. Also notice our table of supplies for your spring gardening.

At the Gift Shop and Craft Table, a collection of handcrafted and gift articles awaits you. Visit the Attic Treasures Booth for surprises and bargains.

There will be vendor booths that include crafts, jewelry, collectibles, and much more. Select some new items for your wardrobe; clothes from area boutiques and high-quality, pre-owned clothing will be displayed for sale in the Friendship Room for men, women, and children.

Treat yourself to a bag of fresh, hot, buttered popcorn at the Popcorn Vending Machine.

The Daffodil Lunch Cafe will be open from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Stop for rest and refreshment, and enjoy a choice of salad plate or sandwich plate with pickle and chips (choices will be ham and pickle, seafood, or egg). Dessert will be a brownie with ice cream and chocolate sauce, or a fruit compote. Tea, coffee, or a cold drink is included. The cost will be \$4.50.

There will be an exciting raffle that will appeal to all generations.

Guest Speaker At First Baptist Church

There will be a guest speaker at the First Baptist Church's 9:30 a.m. worship service for the next two Sundays.

In the pastor's absence, Ray Williams, Jr. will lead the worship. His topic for this Sunday's service is "Our Children and God's Children."

Mr. Williams is currently serving as a deacon. He recently led a Lenten study and discussion group. Claire Crouss will assist him by leading the responsive reading.

Following worship, coffee and conversation will be held in Davis Hall. Church school classes are held until 11:45 a.m. and are available for all ages. Nursery care is provided.

The Junior Youth group under the leadership of John Barber will meet on Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.

Caring Connection contacts for the month of May are Jan Lock (789-6476) and Linda Chicklas (786-1565).

Best local news...

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Happy Birthday,
 R.S.



Spotlight On Business

Agawam Chamber Of Commerce Tours Spartan Saw Works

The Agawam Chamber of Commerce's "Spotlight On Business" tour in May was at Spartan Saw Works. Bob Whitfield, Sr., President, and Fred Wanat, Plant Manager, led the business delegation through the Suffield Street facility to watch band saw blades in production.

Whitfield explained the history of Spartan Saw Works, the Marvel machine brand, and saw blades operation from its inception in Springfield, Massachusetts. Spartan is now a division of the Armstrong-Blum Manufacturing Co. with corporate headquarters in Illinois.

Representing the town, Mayor Chris Johnson and City Council President Don Rheault acknowledged Spartan's long-term commitment to Agawam at its Suffield Street address.

Committee chair Mike Fiorini noted that the Chamber has received positive feedback from the increased outreach to our members by hosting the monthly "Spotlight" tours. This year, the Chamber has visited Penfield Productions, Bridgeport National Bindery, Spartan Saw, and the Simmons Company. The next "Spotlight On Business" tour is scheduled for The Atrium.

The Chamber is interested in profiling member businesses of all sizes and business categories. If your organization is interested in hosting a one-hour "Spotlight On Business" tour, please call Celia Lang at the Chamber at 755-1307.

At the annual meeting, Agawam Chamber President Linda Northup Vitro welcomed new members to the 1999-2000 board of directors, including Brook Ashby, President of Penfield Productions; Kathryn Ayre, President of Ayre Real Estate Company; Joann McGeoghan, local representative for Berkshire Power; and Attorney Gary Shannon of Doherty, Wallace, Pillsbury & Murphy PC.

Mark your calendar for the upcoming Chamber summer events. On Saturday, August 7th, the Chamber will sponsor the community music night on Phelps Green. The Shawn Allman Band, famous for their Rockapella fame, is scheduled to play before the movie "Jurassic Park."

The Chamber is also scheduling a September golf social.

United Process, Inc. Constructs Production Facility In Agawam

"With the many exciting changes that are happening at United Process, Inc., we are pleased to announce the construction of a 50,000 square-foot production facility in the Agawam Industrial Park," said United Process, Inc. advertising manager Judy Sullivan in a recent press statement.

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United Process, Inc. has distributors in 40 cities throughout the United States. Additionally, distributors in Canada, Mexico, Puerto Rico, and Brazil have recently been joined by new distributors in Taiwan, Singapore, Korea, Hong Kong, and Australia to offer the Sound Seal Product Line worldwide to industrial, construction, OEM, and architectural markets.

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IN TOP PHOTO: Bob Whitfield, President of Spartan Saw Works, showcases one of Spartan's saws during the Agawam Chamber of Commerce's recent tour. **IN PHOTO BELOW:** Whitfield with Mike Fiorini, Environmental Compliance Services; Don Rheault, The Message on Hold Network; Linda Northup Vitro, Northup Electric; Mayor Christopher Johnson; Joann McGeoghan, Berkshire Power; and Fred Wanat, Plant Manager of Spartan Saw Works.



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Motor Vehicle Negligence Collision With Commercial Truck - 'Divider Line'

This was a wrongful death case arising out of a fatal motor vehicle accident which took place in the morning.

The 32 year-old decedent was operating her vehicle when it collided with a commercial tractor-trailer operated by the defendant within the course of his employment.

The vehicles were proceeding in opposite directions at the time of the impact. The decedent, who was driving a small car, died instantaneously as a result of the accident. The commercial driver did not suffer any injuries. The decedent was survived by four minor children.

This was a "divider-line" case in which the central issue in dispute was which party crossed the center line and caused the accident. Other than the defendant driver, there were no eyewitnesses to the accident.

After the accident, the police chief conducted an investigation and determined that the decedent had crossed the center line. The police chief based this determination primarily on his observation of a divot in the road in the tractor-trailer's lane of travel, which he concluded was caused by the decedent's car.

Each party retained an expert in the field of accident reconstruction. The defendant's expert was prepared to testify that the markings in the road and the debris left by the vehicles led him to the conclusion that the decedent had crossed into the tractor-trailer's lane of travel.

The plaintiff's expert concluded after his investigation that the tractor-trailer crossed into the decedent's lane of travel which caused the accident to occur.

Prior to trial, the presiding judge granted the plaintiff's Motion for a View over the defendant's opposition. This enabled the jury to see the tightness of the curve that the defendant operator drove through prior to the accident.

The parties settled the case for the sum of \$650,000.

Attorney Alan L. Ferrigno maintains an office at 546 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, Massachusetts. If you have a legal question, Attorney Ferrigno will attempt to address the same in this column. Please send any questions to the address listed above.

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Home-Selling Tips...

If you're thinking of selling your home, keep in mind that buyers appreciate a clean look in the homes they view. You can increase the value of your home and decrease the time it takes to sell by making a few simple improvements.

Aroma is the first thing prospective buyer notice when they step inside a home. To eliminate odors, steam clean your carpet and wash walls and floors with household cleaners and disinfectants. Keep your home smelling fresh by burning candles or potpourri, boiling a pot of cinnamon sticks, or putting a dab of vanilla on cold light bulbs before turning them on.

Nothing makes a home look newer than painting. Painting your walls and removing outdated wallpaper may be the best improvements you can make. For broader appeal, paint in neutral colors such as beige, white, off-white, or gray. These colors suggest newness and cleanliness and can brighten a dull or outdated room.

If your carpet is badly worn, outdated, or stained, consider replacing it. If your carpet is heavily soiled, you may want to have it professionally cleaned. Brighten the interior of your home by cleaning your windows and opening your curtains to let light in. Clean hanging light fixtures and add the highest-wattage bulbs allowed.

For more ideas on getting your house ready to sell, call Pam Savioli at (413) 748-7565.

Coldwell Banker Keenan & Molta Associates Receive Several Real Estate Awards

Robert P. Molta, President of Coldwell Banker Keenan & Molta Associates, is proud to announce the following awards:

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The Longmeadow office ranked second in the Gross Commission Income category. The Springfield, Longmeadow, and Agawam offices ranked third, fourth, and fifth respectively in the category of Listings Sold.

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dwell Banker Real Estate Corporation.

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Giving An Unforgettable Graduation Gift

Graduation season is just around the corner. If you have grandkids who are about to graduate, you may be thinking about a significant gift you'd like to give them. Instead of clothes that will soon be out of fashion or a computer they'd rather pick out themselves, why not help them invest in their own future? Here are some ways you can help with their college education fund.

Cash gifts - Although it's natural to think more about wills and legacies, what better way to give than when we can still see the benefits of our generosity? In 1999, any one person can give up to \$11,000 each year to any number of receivers. The gift is not taxable to the receiver and is not subject to federal gift taxation. Cash gift-giving is also a useful way for grandparents to reduce the size of an estate. Remember, estates of more than \$650,000 (inherited by someone other than a spouse) may be subject to considerable estate taxation. Assets that are considered part of your estate will include all of the funds within your retirement plans - not just ready cash and the market value of your home.

Tuition gifts - If you're affluent, and your grandchild's college costs are high, you may want to give a more generous gift than \$11,000 each year. Payments to a college for tuition are not subject to gift taxes, no matter what the amount. You will need to make your check out directly to the college or university, rather than your grandchild. This saves your grandchild the burden of student loan repayments after graduation.

Securities as gifts - If you own a stock or mutual fund that has appreciated in value, you can give it to a grandchild, who may be able to sell it and pay less in capital gains taxes than if you had sold it. The new capital gains rate for the 15 percent

federal tax bracket has been reduced to 10 percent, although high-end income tax bracket investors may face a 20 percent rate. Before gifting the security, you must have held it for a year or more. The recipient must be at least 14 years-old to be taxed at their own lower tax rate.

Education IRA - This type of account can be arranged for a grandchild under 18, even if you already contribute to an IRA. Contributions aren't deductible, but any earnings are protected from on-going taxes. The advantage of this IRA is that your grandchild can take out the funds tax-free if the money is used for educational purposes such as tuition, fees, books, and room and board. The disadvantage is that the maximum contribution is \$500 a year, which won't go far if college is just around the corner. To avoid tax penalties, a student must use the money before turning 30, or the beneficiary can be changed to another child in the same family. This IRA isn't available if your adjusted gross income is above \$110,000 for single filers and \$160,000 for joint filers.

Pre-paid tuition plans - Many states offer pre-paid tuition programs in which a parent or grandparent can buy a year's worth of tuition when a child is young, with guaranteed tuition for college later. Some states' pre-paid plans will cover tuition at any public college or university in the state; some will even cover tuition or partial tuition at an out-of-state college. Some states also offer college savings accounts. These come without guarantees, but earnings are tax-deferred. There may be residence and age requirements for these plans, and they may affect student aid eligibility. Contact the College Savings Plan Network at 606/244-8175 for more details.

Support and encouragement - Even if you can't afford big price-tag gifts, you can still give gifts of great value: information, encouragement, and support. Congress recently provided educational tax breaks, including the Hope Credit, up to \$1,500 a year for the first two years of college and the Lifetime Learning Credit of up to \$1,000 a year for remaining years. Early withdrawal penalty rules are relaxed for tapping an IRA for education. There is a tax deduction for some student loan interest.

Taking an interest in your grandchildren by encouraging them to seek higher education and referring their parents to a financial advisor who can help explain the new tax benefits may be the best gift you can give.



COMMON SENSE with Raymond Rose THE PIONEER GROUP

How To Jump-Start Your Day!

Want a little help getting motivated in the morning? Try one of these ideas next time you're getting off to a slow start. Each tip has been personally tested and the levels of effectiveness vary widely depending on many factors!

Choose one that works for you:

- 1) Straighten up the area in and around your work place. Your mind is usually as cluttered as your surroundings.
- 2) Drink a big cup of coffee and play some upbeat music on the way to the office.
- 3) Start the day with the task you enjoy most, then work down to the least enjoyable chore.
- 4) Prepare yourself a delicious, healthy breakfast; then settle in to the day's schedule.
- 5) Take a "discovery walk" with someone you love. Hold hands and talk about the REALLY important things in life.
- 6) Shower and get dressed in something that makes you feel good. Splash on some cologne, slip on your shoes, and (if you're a mom!) put some makeup on. It's amazing how much our appearance affects our productivity.

Raymond Rose is the Principal of THE PIONEER GROUP, a professional real estate firm that represents home buyers only. Comments/questions can be directed to his office (731-6800) or his e-mail (RayRose111@aol.com). Also, contact him via e-mail to receive his FREE online newsletter, THE PIONEER REPORT - Online. Thanks!

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TOWN OF AGAWAM AGAWAM TOWN COUNCIL

The Agawam Town Council will hold a public hearing on JUNE 7, 1999 at 7:30 P.M. at the Agawam Middle School, 68 Main Street, Agawam, MA, on the application of OAK RIDGE COUNTRY CLUB/GOLF CLUB for a license to keep, store for personal use/or resale of petroleum products in underground tanks or above ground not to exceed 2,300 gallons at 850 SOUTH WESTFIELD STREET in the Town of Agawam, MA.

Richard M. Theroux, Town Clerk

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"Spotlight On Business" is just one more reason why you turn our pages...

Pat Barnes Joins van Schouwen Associates

van Schouwen Associates, L.L.C. is pleased to announce that Pat Barnes of Agawam has joined their staff as Media & Production manager.

A full-service advertising, marketing, public relations, and internet design and consulting firm, van Schouwen Associates has offices in Springfield and Greensboro, North Carolina.

With an extensive marketing and advertising background, Barnes recently served as Media and

Production manager at The Momentum Group in East Longmeadow.

Prior to that, she served as traffic and media manager at Thompson Associates in Windsor, Connecticut. In her new position, Barnes will be responsible for all aspects of media planning and buying, as well as project production management.

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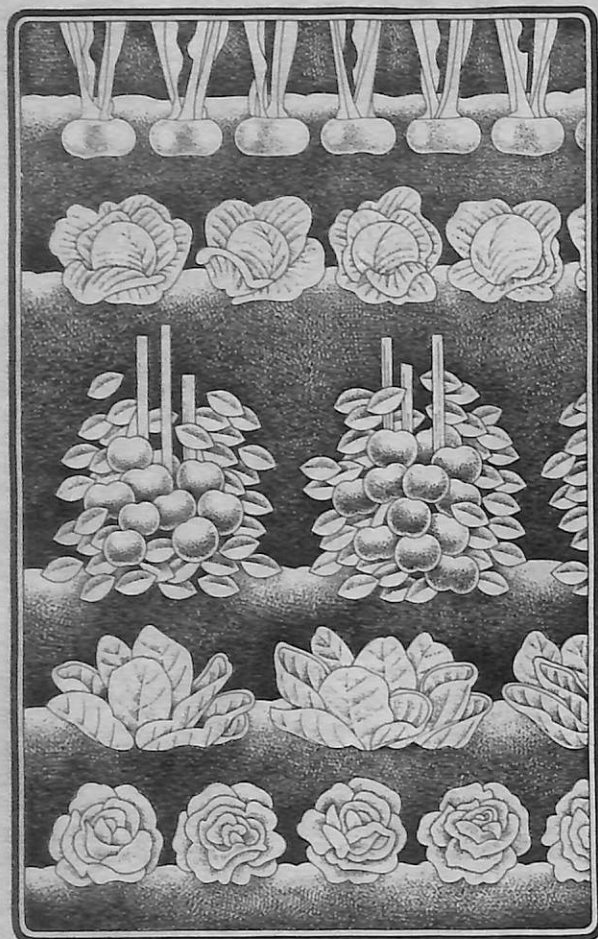
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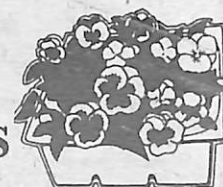
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Fitness Tips...

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Oh, My Aching Knees!!!

When people complain about knee pain, I usually go, "Oh, no." There are a lot of different bones, ligaments, and tendons at the knee area. There are also a lot of different muscles attaching at this same area.

There are four bones that make up the knee. There are four ligaments that help stabilize the knee; the collateral ligaments prevent side to side displacement, and the cruciate ligaments prevent excessive forward and backward movement.

These ligaments are a common area of injury, especially the anterior cruciate (or ACL, as we all know it). As you can see, an injury can occur anywhere, thus the "Oh, no."

So what's the problem? A lot of people blame squats for injuries. Many people say the leg extension just hurts too much. Others complain every time they run. Whatever it is, force is the problem.

Without diving into biomechanics, shear force is applied parallel to the surface, where compression force presses the ends together. Our bodies' bones, tendons, and ligaments are made to better handle stress from compression forces rather than shear force. So does that mean don't do leg extensions? No.

Proper form on every exercise is of utmost importance. Squats are a great leg exercise. You need to sit back, not let the knee move out over the toe at all and only come down to 90 degrees. Leg extensions cause shear force, so I wouldn't go too heavy on the leg extensions.

It is a great exercise for isolating the quadriceps, but it is not your only option if it causes you aches and pains. No exercise should be painful; a burn or a tightening, yes, but not pain.

If you are feeling pain, what is causing it? Is it shear force or compression kind of force? Does it occur with exercise or afterward? Does ice or heat help? Does it feel better with rest?

These are all questions to ask yourself and answers to bring to your healthcare provider if needed. Preventing injury is the key; once an injury occurs, you need time to heal ... and that's time away from your workout.

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The "Dangers" Of Golf...

Question: Golfing is the one sport I truly enjoy. Now that the season has begun, I find that I've been aggravating my low back. I feel it especially on the long shots. I'm in good physical shape. What can I do?

Answer: Golf is one of the most popular sports in America. I even play the game myself on occasion. A fairly large percentage of golfers suffer from back problems.

Driving a golf ball off the tee, down a long fairway, requires a lot of physical effort. So does a long iron shot. The problem is that you continually swing the club the same way, time after time after time. You are either right- or left-handed.

So when you repeatedly swing that club, one way, perhaps thousands of times each season, you are also twisting your spine and all the muscles, in the same direction over and over again. This creates an imbalance in muscles and a continual twisting of the spine.

Don't think that vertebra in your spine aren't going to suffer, too. They can become misaligned (subluxated) and affect the function of delicate nerves. I have enough golfers as patients to know that this is fact.

So what can you do about it? Start adding some other forms of exercise that will be beneficial to your spine (like swimming or bicycle riding). And if you really love the game of golf, a spinal examination by a doctor of chiropractic is in order.

Perhaps a problem is developing and it can be corrected. This may save you the crisis of an emergency visit for treatment at some future time.

Golfers may seek relief for their back pain at the SCHLAFFER CHIROPRACTIC OFFICE, 789-1369.

Cancer Support Group To Meet At Mercy On Monday Evenings

Persons with cancer, their families, and friends are invited to attend Mercy Hospital's Cancer Support Group. Meetings are conducted Mondays, 7:00 p.m., in the Deliso Conference Center, and are free of charge.

The group offers information on topics of interest to cancer patients, and provides an opportunity to share experiences in a friendly, supportive atmosphere. Meetings are facilitated by Sr. Madeleine Joy, S.P., of Mercy's Pastoral Care Department.

For more information, call the Pastoral Care Department, (413) 748-9453.



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Fruits & Vegetables

A group at Tufts University in Boston, working with whole foods instead of trying to isolate individual components, has ranked a number of fruits and vegetables according to their overall antioxidant activity.

The terms "antioxidants" and "free radicals" are becoming familiar to most health-minded individuals. A free radical is a highly reactive molecule that can bind to and destroy body components. Free radical or "oxidative" damage is what makes us age. Free radicals have also been shown to be responsible for the initiation of many diseases, including the two biggest killers of Americans: heart disease and cancer.

Antioxidants, in contrast, are compounds that help protect against free radical damage. Antioxidant nutrients such as beta-carotene, selenium, vitamin E, and vitamin C have been shown to be very important in protecting against the development of heart disease, cancer, and other chronic degenerative diseases. In addition, antioxidants are also thought to slow the aging process.

The researchers at Tufts discovered the prunes create by far the highest antioxidant activity, followed by raisins, blueberries, blackberries, kale, strawberries, and spinach. Another test group showed a 10-ounce serving of fresh, raw spinach scored better than a 1,250 mg dose of vitamin C. An eight-ounce serving of strawberries did better than three glasses of red wine.

Researchers also observed that rats given daily servings of spinach seemed to retain their memory better as they aged. (Don't ask me how they conducted that study!) Bottom line - take advantage of all the wonderful fresh fruits and vegetables this time of year. Stock up on your antioxidants and slow the aging process!

Preventative Care For Breast/Cervical Cancer

State Representative Daniel F. Keenan encourages all women to take advantage of the Breast and Cervical Cancer Initiative (BCCI) currently underway throughout Western Massachusetts.

The BCCI provides annual mammograms, PAP tests, clinical breast exams, and breast and cervical cancer education at no cost to women who are uninsured, under insured, or have a personal or primary history of breast cancer.

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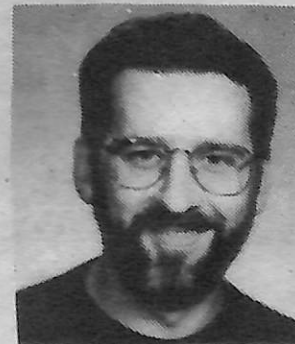
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Diabetes: Tuesday, May 25th, 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. In Conference Room A at Noble Hospital.

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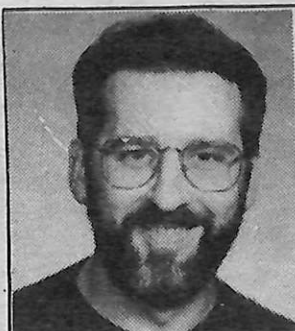
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Gary Russolillo, M.D., will present a lecture about Body Contouring, Surgeries, Lip Enhancements, Facial Surgeries, and Skin Care Procedures. Also included will be a live chemical peel demonstration.

The presentation will be followed by a complimentary personal consultation. Registration is free, and seating is limited.

Pre-registration is required. To register, call Noble Hospital's HEALTH BEAT at (413) 568-2328.



"Let's Talk About It"

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Time out — Time IN

So many parents, grandparents, teachers, and childcare providers use "Time-Out" with their children. When implemented appropriately, time-outs seem to work. But what does that mean, work? And for whom?

Using time-outs can immediately relieve tension that may have been building over some time. Often, time-out is used as a reaction to a child's behavior that is either not safe and/or inappropriate. Sometimes, adults actually use time-out to care for themselves by taking time away so as not to react and be better able to respond.

My concern is that the teachable moment is being missed all too often by the time-out option being overused. In addition, it is my observation that the key component to having time-out be effective in the first place is increasingly being overlooked or just not valued; namely, the relationship re-connection. This relationship re-connection is vital to both adult and child learning and teaching one another about whatever the situation was that prompted the time-out in the first place.

What I'm trying to say is that we could all benefit from having more time-IN. That's the part of the process that can be the most challenging. How do I initially enter into the relationship upon first observance of the incident (for lack of a better word)? Is your first contact yelling at full strength? Perhaps hitting than talking? A good tug and a pull with a stern in-your face repre-

mand? This initial connection, however done, is very important. It is also an important part of your re-connection. After addressing the initial action with the child (or adult), perhaps you sometimes need to add an apology for how you reacted? Is a teachable moment there for both of you?

The challenge of using time-out or what I call Time-IN, is similar. My question is, as the adult, are you willing, able, and committed toward moving more "into" the relationship rather than usually separating from it, as time-out often serves? Yes, separating siblings, yourself from a child or even another adult, is necessary at times. I am certainly an advocate of using time-out, especially when it helps prevent any form of abuse. But, has the 'time-out' pendulum swung too far in either direction for you? Has time-out become the norm rather than the exception as it was intended?

How well you move "into" the demands of relationship speaks to the degree of relational health in your life, be it with children or other adults. I believe, "time-IN-relationship" with one another is a key ingredient challenging all of us in this fast-paced society and world of today and tomorrow.

Family life in particular, it is as if we've never learned how, have forgotten or are unable to slow down enough to really be with one another as was available in the past. Being with one another begins to teach us if we need some help or are quite capable of handling our differences in a way that all parties are cared for and valued. Being with one another may mean not always separating or using time-outs as your first and/or only option. More talk about this next week, in the meantime, what do you think about time-IN and time-out? Why not e-mail or write me with your feedback, relationship questions, and topics and Let's Talk about it.

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Agawam Residents In May 21st Concert

Three Agawam residents will be among those featured in the upcoming concert "Remember the Music - Hits of Yesterday & Today." Sally Jo Fridley, Nancy Toussaint, and Candace Forsman are all members of the Dan Kane Singers, who will be among the singers to present a return engagement concert with an all-new show to Springfield's Symphony Hall.

On Friday, May 21st at 7:30 p.m., the group, accompanied by the Dan Kane Singers, will perform the music that they have become famous for throughout the Pioneer Valley - Broadway hits and standards.

The Dan Kane Singers perform solos, duos, ensemble pieces, men's and women's choruses, and the full chorus. Just a last year's near sell-out concert, the production is presented as an event for the evening, complete with backdrops and staging, with the musical theme flowing throughout the show. Last year's production received a standing ovation and critical reviews.

Tickets are \$15, \$20, \$25 with all seats reserved. Tickets may be purchased at the Springfield Civic Center Box Office or by calling 413-787-6600. For further information, and also to order tickets, call the DKS Chorus Line at 413-599-0458.

This concert is paid for in part by a grant from the Springfield Cultural Council, an agency of the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency. The hall is wheelchair accessible.

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JERRY MILLETTE (third from the right) directs Bob Lawson, Eric Johnson, Robert Harrison, Bob Laviolette, and Jim Denning as they rehearse at the Agawam Senior Center for the "Great Pretenders" Revue to be held at First Church of Longmeadow (June 10th-13th).

Western Mass. "Great Pretenders" To Debut June Show At First Church Of Longmeadow

There's a new group in town, the Western Mass. "Great Pretenders," and they will present a new kind of show with an old format. The old revues offered song, dance, and comedy — and that is just what the "Great Pretenders" promise for their June show.

The all-star cast includes many local community theater singers and actors, as well as some brand new faces.

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Something else is new — the curtain time is 7:00 p.m., which is earlier than any others in this area, and they also plan to make this a two-hour show (although you may not want it to end!).

The "Great Pretenders" Revue will be presented at the First Church of Longmeadow, 763 Longmeadow Street, on June 10th, 11th, and 12th, with a 2:00 p.m. matinee on the 13th. Producer/directors Jerry and Cil Millette are sure you will enjoy the show.

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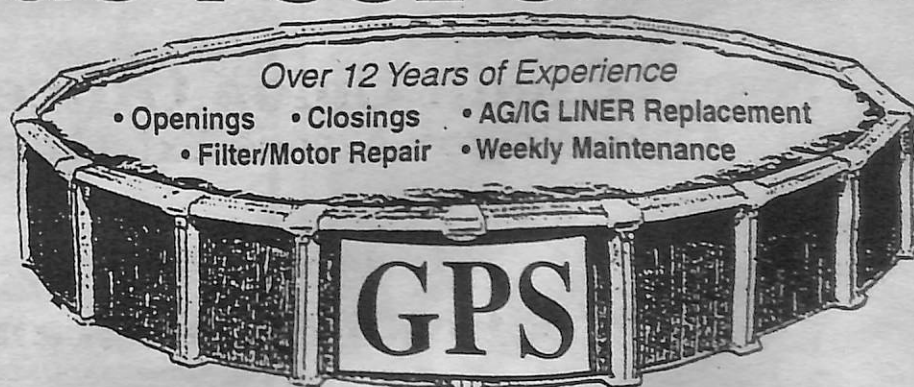
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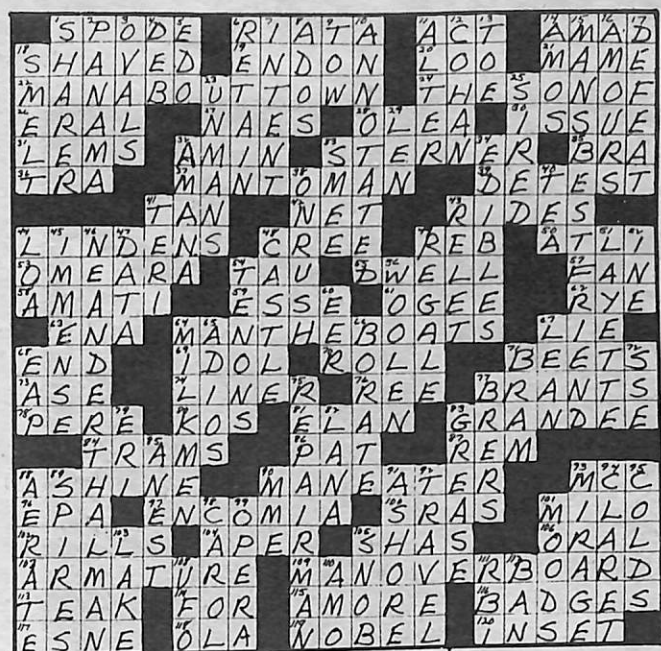


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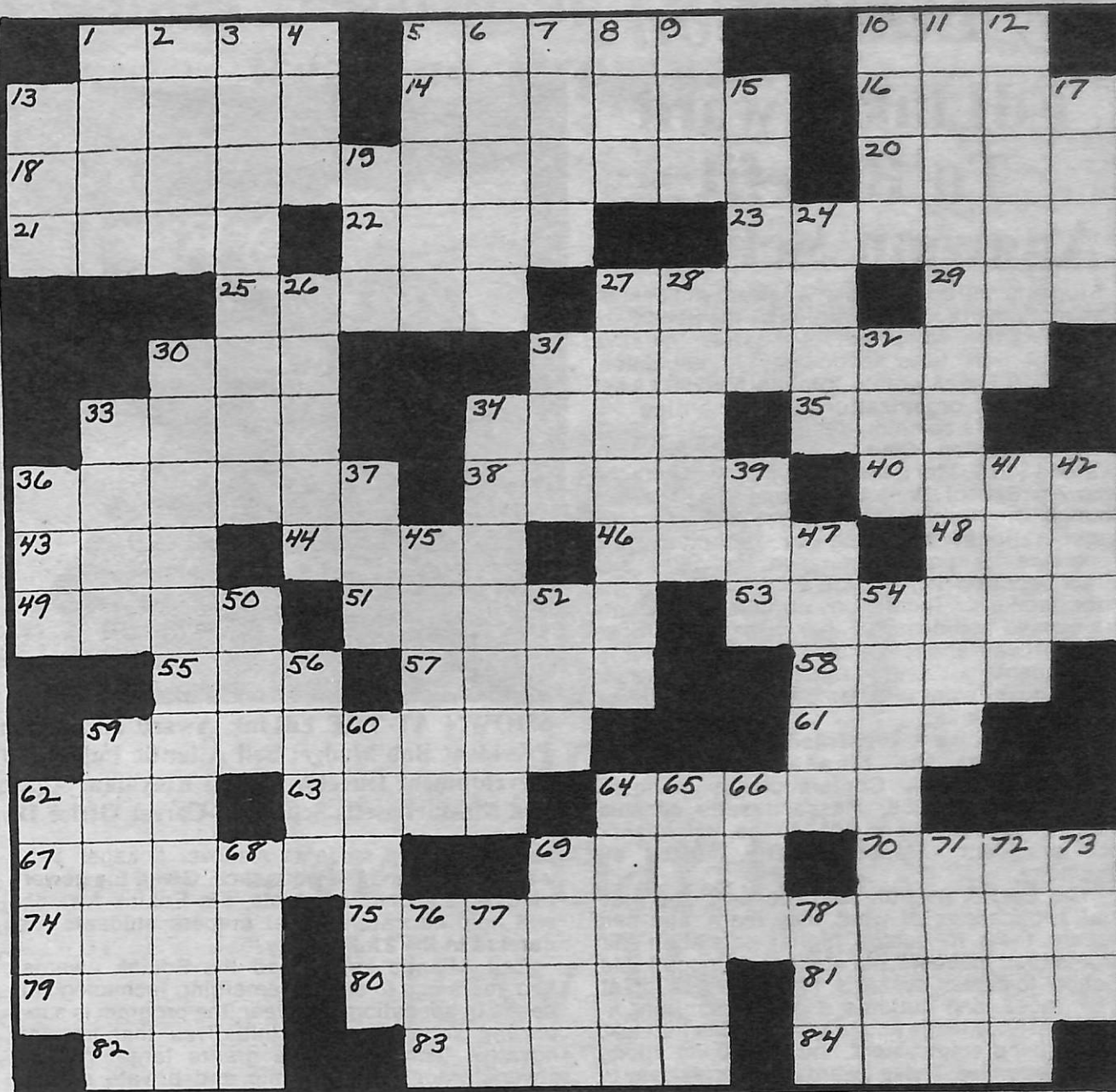
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EdLink Award To Benefit Agawam Schools

Students and educators in Agawam will benefit from more than \$36,000 awarded by the Bell Atlantic Foundation for a school-to-career initiative that creatively uses technology in education. Overall, 20 EdLink grants totaling \$535,000 were awarded to organizations representing 48 Massachusetts communities.

The **Hampden County Career Center** was awarded \$36,600 for a partnership project with the Agawam School Department and the Agawam Council on Aging. This project takes an intergenerational approach to technical and workplace learning to enhance the skills and career opportunities for high school students and older workers. Technology-proficient students will expand and deepen their expertise in computer software applications by working as interns. The students will teach and tutor older citizens who frequently are underemployed due to a lack of technical skills.

The grants were presented during a recent ceremony at the Massachusetts Tech Prep/School-to-Work Conference in Marlboro, Mass. David Driscoll, Massachusetts commissioner of education, and Bob Mudge, Bell Atlantic vice president - Massachusetts, hosted the ceremony.

"The EdLink Awards help students see practical applications of what they learn, and help prepare them to pursue higher education that targets their interests and abilities," Driscoll said. "School-to-career systems help learners of all ages, races, and cultures acquire important intellectual knowledge and practical skills that lead to satisfying employment and help build strong local economies. These awards are a great way to inspire educators and students to explore the business world through the use of technology. These experiences can be used to enhance learning, improve basic skills, and provide access to vast information resources."

Mudge added, "As the largest private employer in the state, Bell Atlantic realizes how important it is for schools, businesses, and communities to



SHOWN AT THE EdLink Award announcement (from left to right): Bell Atlantic Vice President Bob Mudge; Bell Atlantic Public Affairs Director Mike Pequignot; Program and Development Director Naomi Klayman; Agawam Senior Center Director Richard Mundo; and Massachusetts School-to-Career Office Director Fran Kane.

partner to help students discover linkages between school and the workplace. Given the power of today's technology tools, the EdLink Awards will help educators better prepare students for careers in the 21st century."

Bell Atlantic established the EdLink Awards two years ago to support emerging technological needs in education. This year, the program is supporting school-to-career initiatives that use innovative technology. The grants target grades seven through 12 in public and private school districts and in individual classrooms, which collaborate on projects with institutions of higher education, community organizations, or partnerships.

All 20 winning proposals promote collaboration among schools, teachers, businesses, and communities, increase teachers' and students' technology skills, and develop models that can be

used in other communities or schools.

In addition to EdLink, which provides support for in-school education programs, Bell Atlantic also is giving \$500,000 this year to after-school programs across the Commonwealth in collaboration with the United Way, and an additional \$100,000 to the Greater Boston YMCA for an after-school quality initiative. This year, Bell Atlantic will invest more than \$3 million in a variety of education, civic, cultural, and health programs across Massachusetts.

The Bell Atlantic Foundation supports a variety of projects domestically and internationally, with an emphasis on new technology applications in education, health, and human services, the arts and humanities, and civic development in the communities served by Bell Atlantic. For more information, visit www.bellatlanticfoundation.com on the Internet.

Middle School Counselor's News

by Thomas F. Dacey
Agawam Middle School Counselor

The intramural softball program is presently underway at the Middle School. This program is open to both fifth- and sixth-grade students. Competition is among homerooms. The games are played after school, and the students can ride home on the regular late busses.

The Middle School would like parents to be aware that Student Progress Reports that warn of poor academic achievement and other problems will be issued on or about May 21st. There is still time for most students to improve their perfor-

mance. Parents are advised to monitor their children's progress carefully to avoid any problems at the end of the year. Regular school attendance and prompt completion of homework assignments cannot be overemphasized.

The *Iowa Test of Basic Skills* was administered to the sixth-grade students during the week beginning on April 26th. These tests measure student achievement in such subjects as mathematics, English, social studies, and science. It is expected that the results will be mailed to parents

with the final report card.

In the area of study skills, the counselor is presently visiting the fifth-grade homerooms and giving each student a copy of the booklet *Getting Organized for Schoolwork and Homework*. The students are discussing the booklet with the counselor and are doing a written exercise on it.

These booklets are appropriate for use by both parents and students. The students are being asked to bring them home. Parents are urged to go over the booklets with their children.

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For Elementary School Students...

Agawam School Department Offers First Summer Reading Program

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

Children entering second, third, or fourth grade in September will have the chance to let their imaginations soar at the first Summer Reading Enrichment Program to be offered by the public schools in Agawam for elementary students.

Assistant Superintendent of Schools Mary Czajkowski said the program was developed by ESL teacher Sue Mutti, Middle School teacher Janice DeFilipi, and Clark School teacher Cindy Palazzi (after the three educators attended an international reading conference in San Diego earlier this month).

Dubbed Camp SOAR (Summer Of Active Reading), the reading program is modeled on a California program presented at the reading conference and was adapted for use here with the cooperation of Robinson Park School Principal William Sapelli, intensive reading teachers, and the elementary specialists in reading, English language arts, and social studies, Ms. Czajkowski said.

Open to all students in grades two through four, the program will run from June 28th through July 23rd from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon, Monday through Friday, at Robinson Park School at a cost of \$325 per child. Acceptance into the program will be on a first-come, first-served basis, with 15 available slots for students at each of the four elementary schools. The student/teacher ratio will be five to one, and the central office has already surveyed the teachers and determined that there will be enough teachers to work with 60 children.

"I don't know what kind of response we'll get from the parents, but I think this is a much-needed program," Ms. Czajkowski told the School Committee last week.

Committee members Rosemary Sandlin, Roberta Doering, and Linda Galarneau asked that the central office look into ways of funding scholarships for students whose parents may not be able to afford the tuition, but who would be interested in having their children benefit from the program.

Mrs. Sandlin suggested, "There might be some business partnerships to fund scholarships for the program. We don't want to see this limited if someone can't afford it."

Ms. Czajkowski agreed to try to tap into the business community for support and promised to pursue grant funding as well for the purpose of raising student scores on the MCAS tests.

Six Main Goals Of The Program...

Mrs. Palazzi identified six main goals of the program:

- increase learning time for students;
- provide literacy support through small group instruction;
- increase parental participation;
- provide additional literacy training for teachers;
- support and improve student attendance; and...
- refine assessment instruments for measuring student progress.

According to the information presented on the model program during the San Diego conference, students who participated in the summer reading

program after first grade were less likely to need to attend the camp after the second grade, Mrs. Palazzi said.

The tuition charged for the program will cover the cost of the teachers' salaries, and there will be no cost for using the library collection at Robinson Park for the course materials. Students will undergo pre- and post-program assessment tests; all information regarding student progress will be shared with each child's teacher in the fall.

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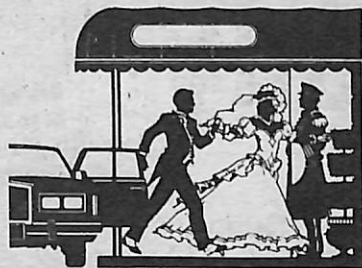
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At Great East Festival...

Middle School Grade Six Band Earns Gold Medal

The Agawam Middle School Grade Six Band achieved a Gold Medal for its superior performance at the Great East Festival held on May 13th.

The band performed three selections for adjudication: *Roman Fanfare*, *March to the Big Top*, and *William Tell Overture*.

Both judges commented favorably on the students' attention to tone, dynamics, and overall musicianship. William Elwell, Director of Great East Festivals, told the students that his band rates as one of the top middle school bands out of all of the bands that he has judged throughout the Northeast.

The Grade Six Band, under the direction of Middle School Band Director Ken Longstreeth, will conclude the year with a Spring Concert on Thursday, June 3rd at 7:00 p.m. in the Middle School Auditorium.

Band members include:

PICCOLO: Alexandra Ivey. **FLUTES:** Christine Cassidy, Diana Dziardziel, Kelly Follis, Karyn Gottardi, Kristan Heaton, Alexandra Ivey, Jacquelyn Lear, Sophia Nasti, Melanie Sampson, Jamie Spear, Marissa Wynne.

CLARINETS: Catherine Andrews, Barbara Brizolari, Emily Greaney, Christina Haire, Susan Jenney, Kathryn Kozikowski, Kristen Laliberte, Emily Lathrop, Victoria Littlefield, Sara Mantha, Rachel Mason, Ashley Morris, Teresa Murphy, Amy Osgood, Angela Pandolfi, Kristen Pfau, Jessica Phillips, Megan Quinlan, Alison Stanton, Nicole Struck.

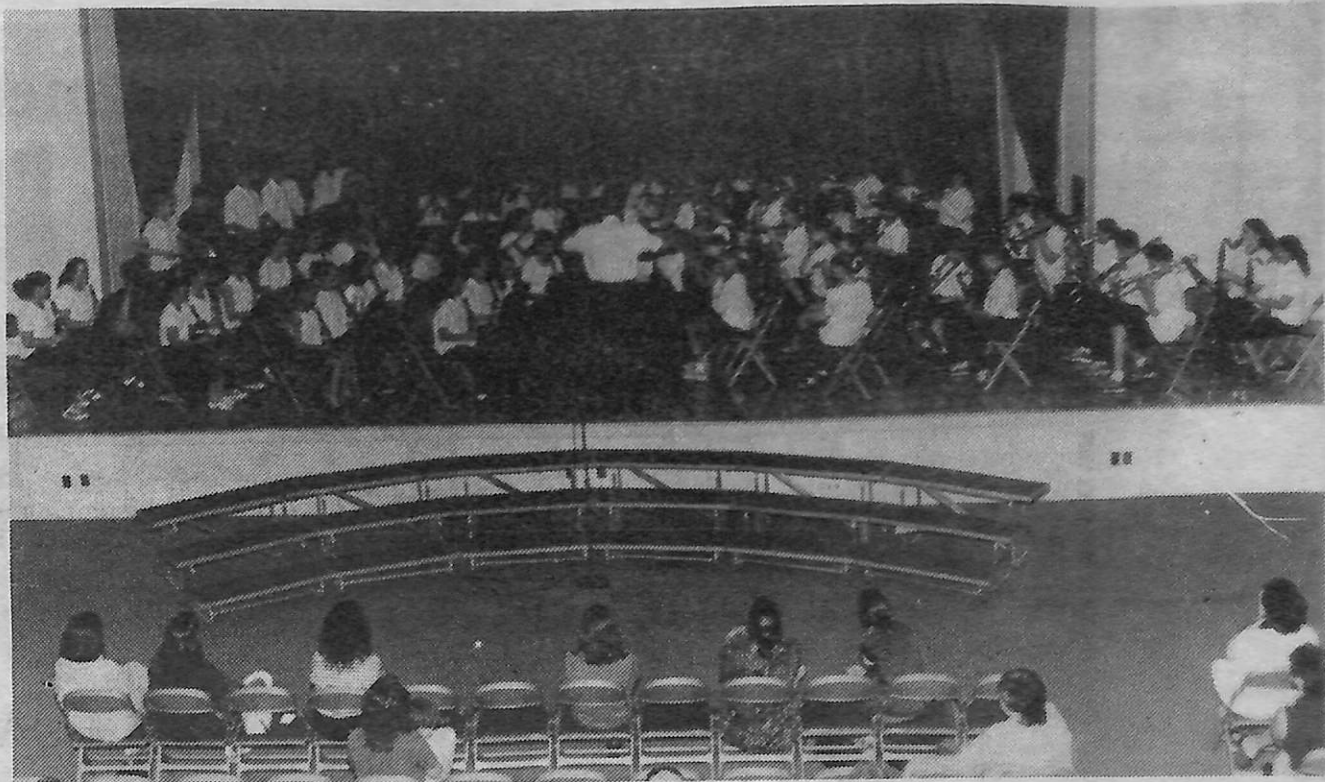
BASS CLARINETS: Mary Lou Gattardi, Sarah Rollins. **ALTO SAXOPHONES:** Nicholas Jacks, Andrew Jensen, Michael Landry, Russell Linder, Ashley Richards, Emily Siedlik, Katie Tapply, Ryan Walsh.

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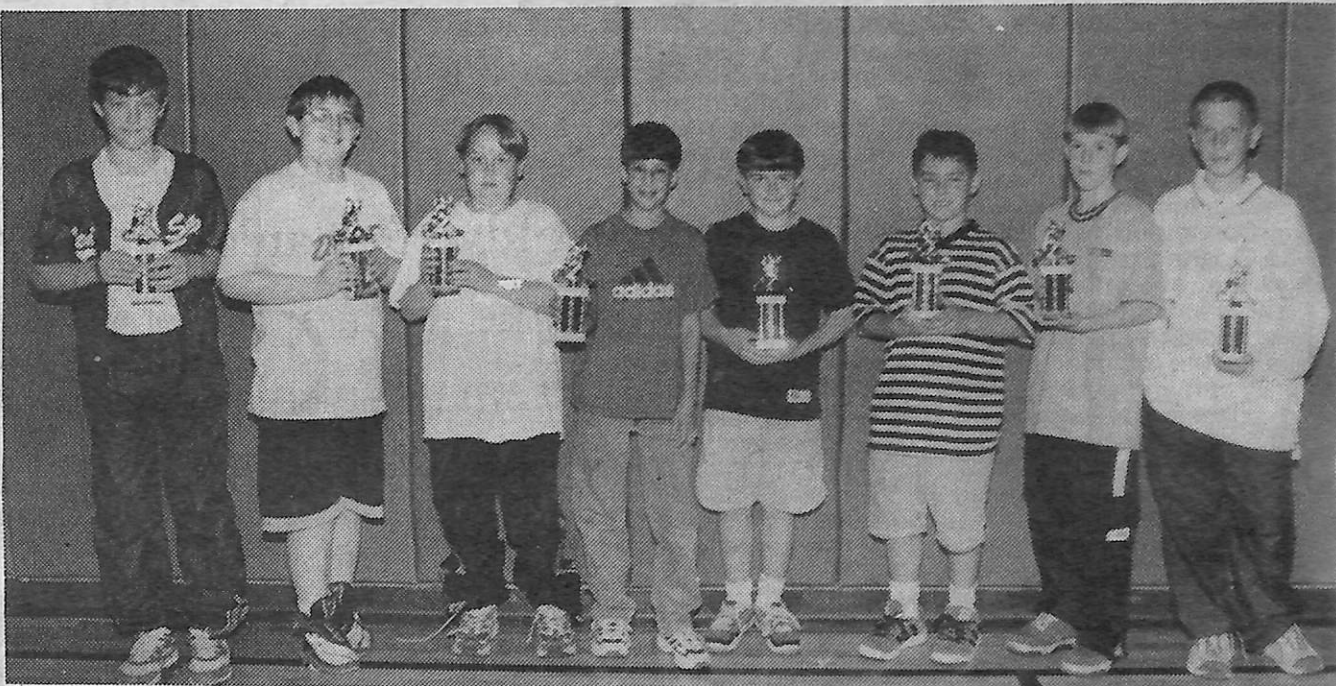
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THE AGAWAM MIDDLE SCHOOL BAND, which received a Gold Medal for its superior performance at the Great East Festival, will perform a Spring Concert on Thursday, June 3rd, in the Middle School Auditorium. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Congratulations To Pillo-Polo Champions...



THESE STUDENTS AT Agawam Middle School were recently crowned the 1999 pillo-polo (a.k.a. floor hockey) champions: Daniel Higgins, Ryan Harlow, Daniel Lizotte, Daniel Cosgrove, Kevin Bienia, Andrew Menard, Jeff Chapman, and Thomas Mercadante. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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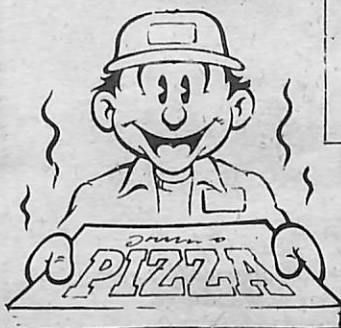
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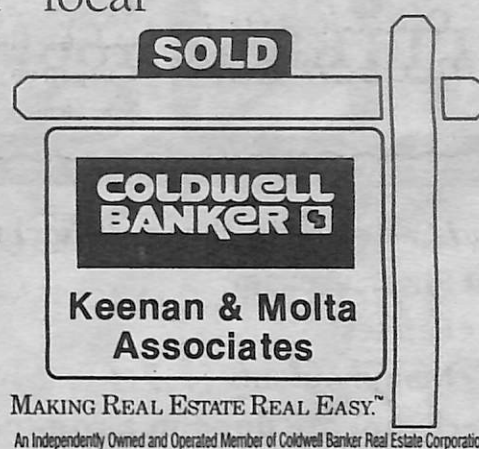
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Agawam Schools' Weekly Lunch Menu

Monday, May 24th: Steamed frankfurt in roll, Boston baked beans, oven French fries with catsup, apricots in lite syrup, milk.

Tuesday, May 25th: Cheeseburg in roll, steamed parsley rice, seasoned green beans, pear macaroon, milk.

Wednesday, May 26th: Roasted turkey with gravy on whipped potatoes, seasoned sweet peas and diced carrots, dinner roll, blueberry cake with icing, milk.

Thursday, May 27th: Taco boat with cheese topping, mild taco sauce, niblet corn, cinnamon applesauce, raspberry Jello with topping or fruit cup, milk.

Friday, May 28th: Grilled cheese sandwich, oven potato puffs with catsup, tossed garden salad with Italian dressing, chocolate pudding with topping, milk.

(Tickets may be purchased on Monday in the elementary schools for the week. Meal price is \$1.10 daily. If paying by check, make check out to "Agawam School Lunch.")

Junior High PTO To Hold Meeting On Monday, May 24th

The Agawam Junior High School PTO will hold its next meeting on Monday, May 24th, at 7:30 p.m. in the cafeteria.

All interested parents and teachers are invited to attend.

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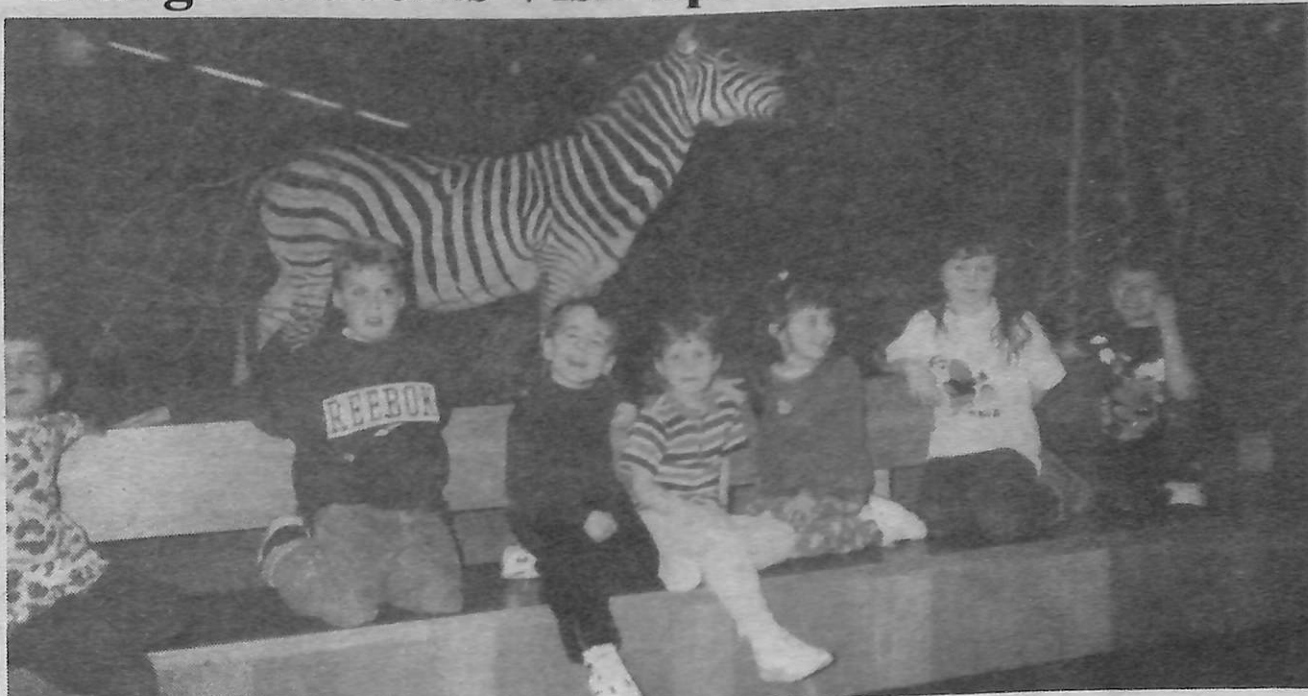


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Granger Students Visit Spfld. Science Museum



EARLIER THIS YEAR, all of the Granger kindergarten students enjoyed visiting the Springfield Science Museum. Pictured above are Eric Paquette, Shane Lafond, Alex Littlefield, Jordan Magnolia, Celina Scavotto, Gabrielle Devine, and Brandon Casey. This trip was funded by a grant from the Agawam Cultural Council, a local agency supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

Be Sure To Save Those Bottles And Cans For St. John's Pack 77's Upcoming Drive

St. John's Pack 77 will be holding a bottle drive on Saturday, June 12th, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the church parking lot.

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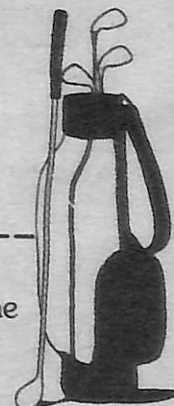
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From AHS Guidance Department...

Choices

by Judy Cohen

Agawam High School Guidance Counselor

The word "choices" has been ringing in my mind lately. Students are coming in to see me about their post-graduate plans. Have they picked the right school? Should they go to work or college? Should they live away from home? CHOICES.

A student comes into my office. He's failing a course. Should he drop it or hang in there? CHOICES.

A divorced parent calls me on the phone. Her child wishes to move from one parent's home to another, from one community to another. Should the child move or stay? CHOICES.

A child in the parking lot starts harassing another child. A third student witnesses this. Should he intervene? Should he tell an administrator, teacher, or parent? CHOICES.

A teacher has rules for the class. Mitigating circumstances have occurred that could allow the teacher to make an exception in the case of a student. Should this be done? CHOICES.

Vacation time is coming for a husband, yet it begins before school vacation. It's a rare occurrence when the family can spend quality time together. But the student should be attending school. What to do? CHOICES.

A girl is at a party. She's felling uptight and shy. She looks at her friend who is having a wonderful time, laughing and talking with everyone. Another person approaches her and offers her some weed ... guaranteed, she is told, to make her have fun, too. Should she take it? CHOICES.

A person is working in a job. Each day he comes home tired, upset, and frazzled. Yet, the money is needed. Should he quit? Should he stay? Should he seek other options. CHOICES.

I could go on and on, but I think you get the picture. All of life is made up of choices. How we deal with those choices directly affects our lives. It is important to realize that every choice has a consequence. Do we want to own and wear that consequence? CHOICES.

If we choose to just keep putting off making a decision, making a choice, then the problem will continue. We can choose to be part of the problem or part of the solution. The CHOICE is ours.

No one can really make us choose anything without our consent, but once we consent to the choice. It's ours. What if it's a bad choice? I always tell my students that from every choice there is a consequent learning experience. If the choice is a bad one, at least they've learned that; then, they are able to regroup and make a different choice.

The main thing to remember is that we must make choices. Life is about choices. If we do not choose to make choices, we stay stagnant, we often stay unhappy, we feel stuck ... but after all, aren't we really making the CHOICE to be that way?

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Doing Their Part On "Earth Day"...



MRS. JACKIE TOUSSAINT'S kindergarten class at Granger School has been studying ecology with their student teacher, Mrs. Tammy (Washburn) Rumplik. Last month, the children discussed "Earth Day 1999" and listed projects and ways to recycle, conserve, protect, and clean our Earth. They colored pictures associated with "Earth Day" and decorated bags from Stop & Shop. Afterwards, these bags were presented to Stop & Shop's store manager, Ken Romano, to remind the community of the importance of maintaining our Earth. Pictured above with the kindergarten students are Denise Hampson and Cathy Thies (representing Stop & Shop) and field trip moms Michele Cooley and Vicki Bussolari. Advertiser

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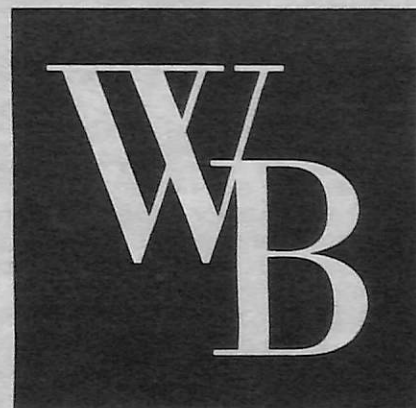
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Pack 85 Cub Scouts Learn Some Facts About Australia

Pack 85 Cub Scouts are Australia-bound. The first-year Webelos Scouts of Pack 85 have earned their Travelers' Badge.

The Scouts linked up with an Australian Cub Scout Pack from New South Wales in the town of 1st Whalan in the greater western Sydney region. Though the Scouts may never get a chance to visit Australia, they mapped out the country and planned a trip here, so they now know where it is and have gained some general knowledge about this unique continent.

The Australian Embassy in Washington, D.C. was very helpful in providing maps and informational packages to the Pack. The Scout Packs agreed to set-up an exchange offering a range of items from our Scouts, our countries, communities, and our Scout Packs. The Webelos from Pack 85 sent the first exchange package recently.

Some of the many items "The Exchange Package" included were the *Springfield Union News*, *The Agawam Advertiser*, Scout patches, Scouts' emblems, First-Year Webelos' newsletters, and Pack 85's latest newsletter.

• From the Office of Congressman Richard E. Neal, an "American Flag" that actually flew over the United States Capital and a Congressional welcoming from the United States.

• State Senator Linda Melconian added our "Massachusetts State Flag" and booklets on Massachusetts.

• Agawam's Mayor Christopher Johnson (a former Scout) was very helpful, and his office sent the following items:

1. A Certificate to the town of 1st Whalan from the Town of Agawam welcoming them;
2. A street map of the Town of Agawam;
3. A hard cover book on the history of our town; and
4. A personalized letter from the Mayor about our community.

• From the Boy Scouts Office, Ken O'Connor donated various Webelos Scout items.

Items sent from the Webelos Scouts included:

* Christopher Cross sent his Webelos Olympic Medal, and his Agawam football peewee pictures.

* Brendon Struck added his Pinewood Derby Car, and a book signed by an Agawam author.

* Kyle Sluis contributed a rock from a recent Mount Tim hike, and a Springfield Falcons bandana.

* Brian Merriam added sports cards from his collection.

* Kevin Osgood contributed a poster of the New England Patriots and some sports cards.

* Jason Polek sent sport cards from his collection.

* Paul Glantz gave a Friendly Ice Cream coupon.

* Jonathan Waters donated his boat from the Scouts' most recent yearly "Grand Regatta Boat Races."

* John Lennon contributed a package of sport cards.

* Den Chief Brian Thomas donated some of his Boy Scout patches.

* First-year Webelos leader David Cross sent U.S. coinage and U.S. stamp mint sheets. He also included his losing (\$90.M) Powerball tickets.

Plus, all the Scouts included personal profiles, which included their favorite foods, games, sports, school activities, religion, families, and Scouts. This also included pictures of themselves and their families and pets.

Webelos Leader Dave Cross from Agawam Pack 85 and David Cox from 1st Whalan, New South Wales, Australia began setting up the exchange between the two packs last October. They first spoke by phone (there is a 12.5-hour time difference), exchanged e-mails, and posted letters outlining the Exchange and confirming correct mailing addresses.

They have been in e-mail contact ever since, setting everything in place. The Scout leaders set guidelines for pen-pals and e-mail pals. The Scouts have received word from Australia that their exchange package was received.

To quote Mr. Cox, "The package you and all at Pack 85 sent us far exceeded my expectations, we are all very impressed. Thank you from all over here for the time and effort put into this project. We are starting putting our "Exchange Package" together for the Webelos Den at Pack 85."

Pack 85 would like to thank everyone in our community who has helped us with this project. Thank you, again! Cub Scout Pack 85 meets every Friday night at the Agawam United Methodist Church on Mill Street at 7:00 p.m.

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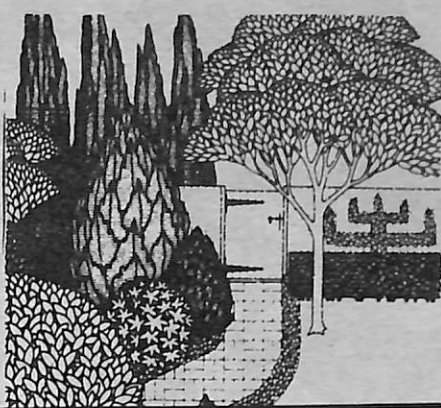
23rd Annual "Kamp For Kids" Golf Tourney Has Been Scheduled For Wednesday, May 26th

The 23rd Annual Kamp For Kids® Golf Tournament will be held on **Wednesday, May 26th** at Oak Ridge Golf Club in Feeding Hills.

The format is Five-Person Scramble, and shotgun starts are 7:45 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Singles and pairs are welcome. Golfers are urged to get their registrations early, as tee times will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis.

The \$80 entry fee includes greens fees, golf cart, lunch on the course (catered by Frigo's), and dinner at the banquet. All proceeds will benefit the disabled and non-disabled children at Kamp For Kids®.

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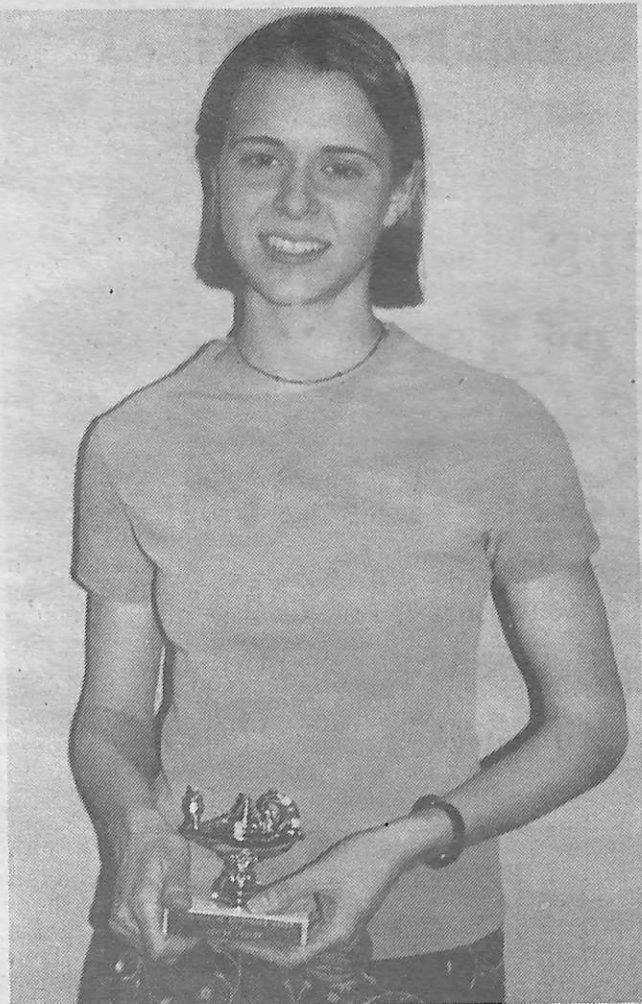
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Peeler was given an *Outstanding Sophomore Award*. Majoring in biology/pre-med, Peeler is a member of the Student Activities Committee, the Partners Program, the Biology Club, Outing Club, and is a Dean's List student.

Awards were given to outstanding members of each class, as well as to three seniors who have given four years of dedicated service to various student activities.

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News And Notes From The Agawam Junior High School PTO

The Agawam Junior High School PTO held its sixth meeting on Monday, April 26th. Past meeting minutes and reports from the Treasurer and School Council Representative were presented.

Several funding requests were discussed, and we will make final budget decisions at the next meeting.

We discussed the staff appreciation breakfast that was held Tuesday, May 4th.

We discussed the eighth-grade celebration to be held at the Junior High School on Friday, June 11th, from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. Follow-up — The first

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meeting with the students to plan the decorations and activities was held on Monday, May 17th, at 2:15 p.m. in the cafeteria. All interested students, parents, and teachers are invited to attend the next meeting on Tuesday, May 25th. We will be working on the decorations.

We are looking for parents who would like to serve on the PTO next year. Elections of officers will be held at the meeting on Monday, May 24th, at 7:30 p.m. in the cafeteria. If you are interested in serving on the PTO next year but cannot make the meeting, please call Sue Hamlett at 786-6477.



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Sports

Former Chicago Bears Meet After 31 Years...

Visit By Gayle Sayers Brings It All Back For LeClerc

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

Recently at Chez Josef, a special person was in town — former All-American (Kansas University), All-Pro (Chicago Bears), and Hall of Famer Gayle Sayers. Sayers was the guest speaker at the Pioneer Valley Boy Scouts of America Distinguished Citizen Award Dinner. It was a time for memories and old friends to meet in a day and age when not many get the chance to do that anymore.

One of the people in attendance was former Agawam High School football star Roger LeClerc. In 1965 and 1966, LeClerc, a graduate of Trinity College in Connecticut and a member of the Chicago Bears in the NFL, had a chance to play with Sayers.

The last time LeClerc saw Sayers was 31 years ago. "Gale recognized me right after he heard my name," LeClerc told us.

LeClerc blocked for the superstar in the 1966 season. "I got the chance when our starting center, Mike Pyle, went down with an injury. Usually I was a defensive player at an end position. But they needed me to fill in for Mike."

It was some good duty for the big lineman, who also kicked off, punted, and booted extra points. His feeling on taking on so many jobs was that a moving target is harder to hit. "Yeah," he laughed. "The more you could do, the more difficult it was to cut you from the team."

According to LeClerc, Sayers (despite his greatness) didn't mean you blocked harder for him and not so hard for other backs. "We had assignments and were expected to do them. If anything, Gayle made it a little easier because like all good running backs, he set up the blocks, whether it was a screen, drive, or cut. But you really never saw how brilliant he was at running the ball until you looked at the game films. It was something that couldn't be taught," LeClerc noted.

Creative Blocking Schemes...

"We have some creative blocking schemes, too. One of them was called a 'Dodi' (say, do die). No one knew who coined the phrase. But it had to do with blocking uphill; in other words, you blocked all the guys who were defending on a sweep. We had some big hits in that formation. Gayle had some big runs when that happened, as well."

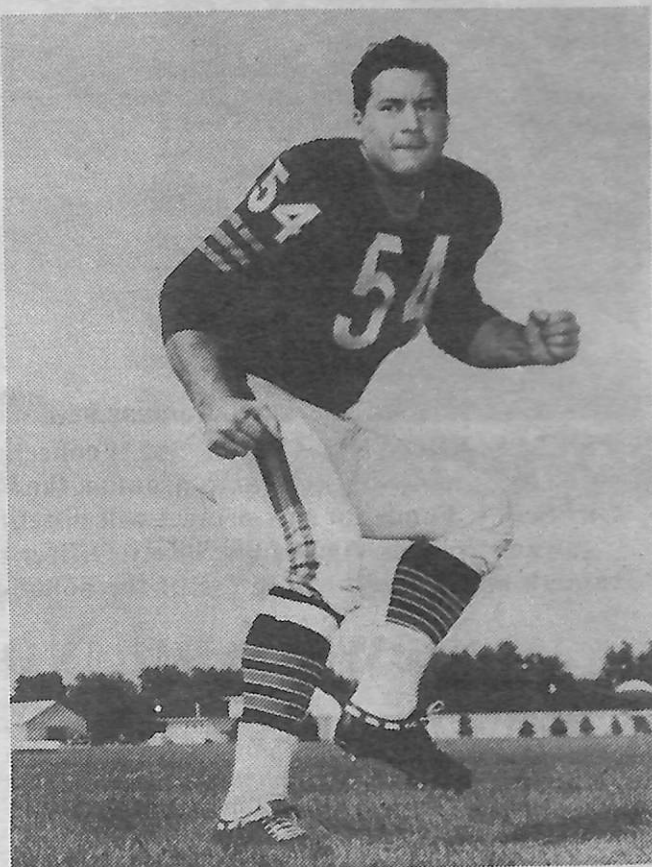
Then he added, "When Brian Piccolo was with us, we had a scheme called 'Pic' a Hole.' In those days, name association, rather than calling out the three or four or five hole, was important."

LeClerc remembers Sayers as a quiet man. "Gayle was very quiet. Most of our plays back then were called by the quarterback in the huddle. No one gripped or said they were open or someone wasn't doing the job against them. You listened and executed. There was a lot of discipline," LeClerc explained.

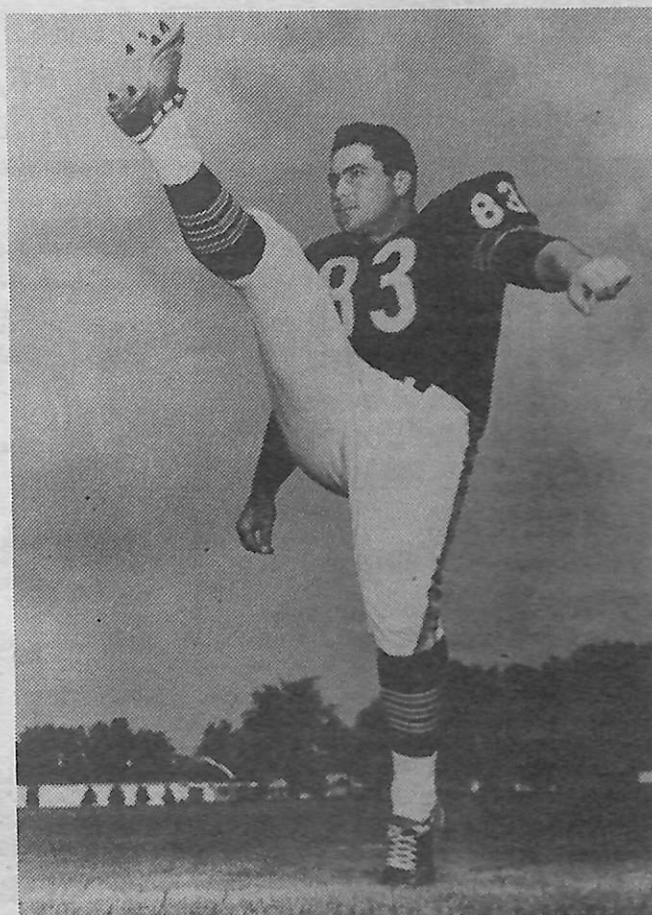
Sayers was injured for a good part of his career ('65-'71). LeClerc thinks one reason was the Hall of Famer's running style. "He could cut so quickly, no one could really set up on him for a clean hit. Therefore, he would get caught making a cut, planting his foot, and a guy would just miss, but still get in an off-balance shot. And he was only about 190 pounds, with a responsibility to carry the ball at least 25 times a game. That's terrible wear and tear."

The memory that stands out in most people's minds about Sayers was when, as a rookie, he scored six touchdowns (tying Ernie Nevers in 1929 and Dub Jones in 1951) against San Francisco in Chicago.

In LeClerc's mind, another remarkable trait of Sayers' was more about just how tough it was to bring him down. That special memory came in a game against the Rams.



FORMER AHS FOOTBALL STAR Roger LeClerc was a member of the Chicago Bears of the NFL back back in the mid-1960's. LeClerc met an old teammate, Hall of Fame running back Gayle Sayers, when Sayers was the guest speaker at a recent Pioneer Valley Boy Scouts event held at Chez Josef in Agawam.



"We were playing them in 1966. Deacon Jones (now a Hall of Famer) was their All-Pro defensive end. Gayle swept around his side and into Deacon's territory. Jones, who had to have him by 70 or 80 pounds and eight inches, grabbed Gayle around the shoulders. Jones could not bring him down and only did it finally with help from about three other guys. That great will to excel was why he got those six touchdowns a year earlier."

Other Unforgettable Football Legends...

Sayers, who had his number retired, will not be forgotten. But LeClerc, who had the great fortune to play with and for other great ones, will never forget some of them. Number one, along with Sayers, is George Halas, who owned and coached the Bears. His history goes from 1920, when then-owner A.E. Staley gave the then-Decatur Staleys to Halas, along with \$500, and told Halas not to change the name. Halas, who owned the team and coached it on and off for 42 years, did change it a year later to the Chicago Bears. Halas died at the age of 88 in 1983. LeClerc played for the old man in 1965 and 1966.

"He would do anything for his players. Brian Piccolo, who we all know about, was dying of lung cancer in 1967. The movie 'Brian's Song' was true and if you have ever seen it, a tear must come to your eye. Coach Halas paid all of Brian's hospital bills, which went close to a half-million dollars back then."

"Coach Halas was old school. There were no agents around then. If a player came in and during the negotiations for a contract said to Coach Halas, 'Talk to my agent,' the coach would say right back to him, 'I'm not going to talk to your agent and for that matter, I'm not going to talk to you. Get out!'"

"Coach Halas didn't know a lot about defense or offense. He was a great organizer who had the talent to delegate responsibility to trusted people."

Then the former Bear added, "Coach Halas always told us football was not an end but a means to an end. You retire from the game as a young man, for the most part. Football should be the foundation of what will hopefully be a good career as part of a long life."

Playing With Dick Butkus...

LeClerc also had an opportunity to play with Dick Butkus. "Gayle and Butkus were drafted as our top picks out of college in 1965. Both of them were quiet. And both of them were completely tough. But Dick would grumble a lot in his rookie year. Gayle came in and played right away. Dick was behind our All-Pro linebacker, Bill George, which meant Dick wasn't going to get much playing time at all, even though the team was grooming him for that position. Not starting or even playing much that first season drove him nuts."

Then the former AHS star laughed, "Things were really different back then. As I said, I was a place kicker, which meant I kicked field goals and extra points. I also kicked off. They offered me \$500 to kick. That's not \$500 for every time I kicked. That was \$500 for the season. Now, there are many guys who get \$10,000 or more for every time they even put their foot to the ball."

LeClerc's fondest memory of playing at the NFL level was this: "I was in the league for nine years. I was with the best against the best."

LeClerc recently retired as a long-time math teacher at the Agawam Junior High. He coached football at AHS during the late 1970's.

His two sons, Rick and Dean, both starred at AHS, and Rick went on to play quarterback at the University of New Hampshire.

LeClerc resides on Elm Street with his wife, Fran.

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Lacrosse Leaders...



CINDY GRIEVE (center), the coach of AHS's girls' varsity lacrosse team, with this year's captains — Christina Gregory and Annie Paquette. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

At Riverside Park Speedway...

Teddy Bear Pools Trucks Added To Bud Triple Crown Lineup

The Teddy Bear Pools Truck division has been added to the Budweiser Triple Crown Series, which begins on May 29th at Riverside Park Speedway.

The three-part series, which features extra distance races of 100, 125, and 150 laps for the NAPA Modifieds and the Serv-U Auto Supply Pro Stocks, will not increase the lap distance for the trucks, but will provide additional bonuses for the top finishing drivers.

"The Teddy Bear Pools Truck division provides high-excitement and door-to-door racing each and every week," stated David Deery, Director of Auto Racing at the one-quarter-mile NASCAR Winston Racing Series track. "We felt that they should be included in this series with extra bonuses of their own, for the awesome racing they provide the fans each week." The Teddy Bear Pools Truck division is now in its second season, replacing the Late Model division at Riverside Park Speedway after the 1997 campaign.

Budweiser Triple Crown bonuses to the Teddy Bear Pools Truck division will include a limited edition Budweiser Racing leather jacket for the truck division Triple Crown champion. More prizes for the Teddy Bear Pools truck division Triple Crown Series champion will be announced later.

The Budweiser Triple Crown Series began in 1998, providing extra distance modified and pro stock races to the delight of the fans. The extra distance events also included a \$6,000 Budweiser Triple Crown Series point fund, split among the top three series finishers in the NAPA Modified and Serv-u Auto Supply Pro Stock divisions. The 1998 Budweiser Triple Crown Series champions were Ricky Miller of Agawam in the NAPA Modified, and Barry Gray of Belchertown in the Serv-U Auto Supply Pro Stocks.

The Budweiser Triple Crown Series will continue with 125-lap modified and pro stock features

Schoolboy Baseball...

Agawam High Posts Seven Straight Wins And Ups Its Record To 11-5

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

For a while, it looked like the Agawam High baseball team might not get untracked. Just before the midway point in the season, they were 4-5 and seemed to be spinning their collective wheels.

But Coach Pete Clark had said before things got started that it would be their pitching that would define how good a team they were.

He was right. After losing 8-7 to Northampton High back on April 26th, they have reeled off seven straight wins and at this writing, stand at 11-5 and are perfect in the Valley League (4-0).

After an impressive 7-0 win last week over Cathedral that saw Agawam's pitching (Derek Mercadante, Ben Lapins) give up only three hits, the team continued its run on Friday, May 14th, topping tough Holyoke High, 5-3 at Harmon Smith Field.

Kevin Mattson got the call from Clark and for the first inning he looked to be effective. But that would change quickly. After the Brownies failed to score, Holyoke did in the second. A leadoff walk followed by two run-scoring triples saw the Knights go up, 2-0. A one-out walk was enough for Clark. Mattson was yanked and left-handed Ben Lapins stalked to the hill. The sophomore dusted the first hitter he faced and fielded a one-hopper for the next out, thus quickly getting the Brownies out of a mini-jam.

Brownies Go To Work

Then Agawam went to work in the bottom of the inning. Third baseman Tony LeClair led off with a single and put himself in excellent scoring position with steals of second and third.

There were two outs when LeClair's boldness paid off. Designated hitter Shawn Biebel lofted a fly to left which was dropped. LeClair came home for Agawam's first run.

Lapins, who would get the win, shut the Knights

down in the third. Agawam scored two more right away. With one out, rightfielder Scott Harlin singled, then stole second and third. Derek Mercadante drew a walk to put runners at the corners. Lapins stepped in and drove a high hopper through the first and second hole. The ball was just slow enough to score Harlin and Mercadante. Lapins was nailed at second on a fielder's choice off the bat of LeClair. Shortstop Mike Carney then singled LeClair to second, where a Brian St. Jean single sent him home. Agawam would lead 4-2 after three frames.

Neither club could do anything in the fourth. Holyoke would tough Lapins for their third and final run in the fifth. Lapins showed some true grit in that inning and so did Clark. After a single and an error, Lapins hit a batter and was facing a bases-loaded situation with one down. A fly out to right brought a run home. But Lapins bowed his neck and punched out the next Knight to get out of another jam.

In Agawam's at-bat, Mercadante reached on an error. A nice sac bunt by Lapins sent him to second. LeClair reached on another error and Mercadante took third. Carney then singled down the third base line and Mercadante trotted home.

Lapins would dust four of the final six hitters he faced for the Agawam win; a win that qualified the Brownies for the Division I Tournament once again.

Agawam came back Monday afternoon, May 17th and shutout visiting Central High, 1-0 on a two-hit, 12-strikeout gem by ace Brian St. Jean. The junior, who has jugs gun speed on his heater, was showing the curve ball as well, which threw off the Golden Eagle hitters. The lone run of the game was scored on a sixth run dinger by Scott Harlin.

Girls' Softball...

Brownies Are Digging In

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

After going 8-0 to start the season, the Agawam High girls' softball team has faced some unsettling waters. The defending Western Mass. Division I champs have gone 3-4 since then, bringing their record to 11-4 (2-2) at this writing.

Their losses have come to Westfield (1-0), two during their recent trip to the Nauset Tournament on Cape Cod, and a particularly grating 2-1 loss to West Springfield this past Monday afternoon.

In that game, the Terriers had one earned run and only one hit, a triple. Agawam had two hits, so pitching was the order of the day. At that time, West Springfield had won 11 of its last 12 games and had a record of 12-3 (3-1).

Brownie Coach Deb Lickley has always said that pitching is the key to softball. The team shouldn't worry. They have two of the best in seniors Ali Jakobek and Lindsay Mason.

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Profile...

Wrestler Dan Vargas Finishes Up His College Career In Fine Shape

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

Remember Dan Vargas, the outstanding Agawam High School wrestler of four years ago? In 1995, he was an All-Western Mass. champion in the 138's, an All-Western Mass. selection, and finished fifth in the state under the intense and watchful eye of now retired AHS wrestling Coach Phil Tomkiel.

The former Brownie has spent the last four years at American International College. He is scheduled to get his sheepskin this month. Dan made the most of his days as a Yellow Jacket, both in the classroom and on the mat.

As a student athlete, he maintained a GPA of 3.0 or better (at this writing, it is 3.2). As a wrestler, he was awarded the ECAC Merit Medal, which honors the best wrestlers in each weight class. "It was nice. The award includes all schools in the Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference, Division I, II, and III and is given for excellence in both academics and athletics," he explained.

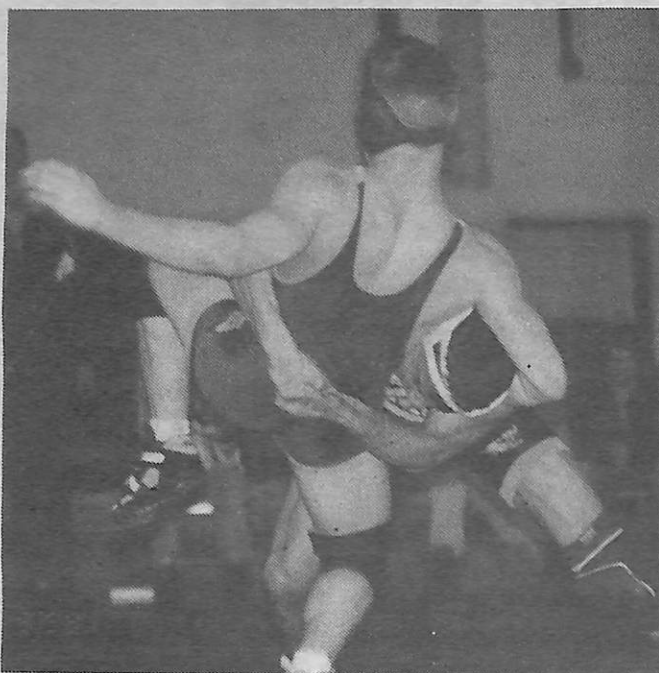
Dan was also a two-time Academic All-American as a junior and senior. "To do that, you have to maintain at least a 3.0 GPA and win at least 75 percent of your matches," he told us.

Recently, Vargas was honored by being given the criminal justice award for excellence in his major.

28-11 Senior Season Record

In his senior season, he compiled a 28-11 record, which included some big wins over several All-Americans in the division. He was 23-6 as a junior and placed among the top four in the 142-pound division of the Big East.

In the summer of 1997, he was a national champion on the Puerto Rican National Team in the 138's. Dan also competed for the team in the Pan



DAN VARGAS, a 1995 graduate of Agawam High School, will be graduating from American International College this spring.

Advertiser News photo by Dave Rollins.

Am Games, finishing ninth overall in his weight class.

He saw his college years as a positive ex-

perience. Both athletics and academics were intense; athletics, because the competition alone weeded out all those except the ones who were ready to pay the price; in academics, they had to find some way to get it done despite all the time spent wrestling, or in training to be ready for competition.

"We had workouts starting at six in the morning, then group study, classes, and it was back to the mats. In the evening, we studied on our own," he said of what must have been a busy schedule.

Looking Towards Master's

Dan, who had a double major in criminal justice and sociology with a minor in Spanish, will now get a chance to put that degree into action. "I will. But right now I think I'm going back to AIC for my master's. Also, I'd like to get a job there as an assistant wrestling coach."

Moreover, he would like to prepare for another shot at the Pan Am Games with the Puerto Rican National Team in the 149.5's.

Ideally, when his competitive athletic days are done, Dan would like to get a job in law enforcement, hopefully with the Agawam Police Department. "I did field studies with them during my college career. They are great people and we got along very well," he smiled.

Does Dan have any advice for the current crop of graduates about ready to take on a heavy dose of collegiate academics and athletics? "No doubt it is very difficult trying to fit them both together. You have to set your goals and stay focused. Don't let the small bumps in the road, which will certainly come, stop you. Just keep moving forward."

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In Hockey Tournament...

Baywest Avalanche Squirrt "A" Are Comeback Champs

The Baywest Avalanche Squirrt "A" hockey team finished their hockey season with a championship in the Northeast Regional Hockey Tournament in Greenfield, MA, on the weekend of March 26th-28th.

The team played their first game on Friday against a tough Tri-City team that came ready to play. The Avalanche quickly went down 3-0 in the first period of play. Some teams would have given up, but not this one!

The Avalanche stormed back with three unanswered goals, two from Greg Santos and one from Armand Dubuc, assisted by Sam Osetek, Mike Wood, and Alex Ciborowski. The Avalanche and Tri-City traded two goals each with Dave Suchy and Greg Santos getting the hat trick, assisted by Alex Ciborowski and Tim Clark.

Tri-City then found out how explosive the Avalanche are by scoring four unanswered goals by Mike Wood, Jeremy Rogalski, Sam Osetek, and Alex Ciborowski, assisted by Greg Santos, Alex Ciborowski, and Jeremy Rogalski and winning by a final score of 9-5.

On Saturday, the drama continued with the Avalanche falling behind 2-0 to a stingy host Greenfield team. Once again, the Avalanche battled back with two goals by Tim Clark and Jeremy Rogalski, assisted by Greg Santos and Sam Osetek, to earn a tie and possibly set up a rematch in the finals.

The Avalanche defense of Joe Zmuda, Joe Parillo, Armand Dubuc, and Jeremy Rogalski came up big throughout the first two games.

On Sunday morning, the Avalanche had to win or tie against North Middlesex to gain a spot in the championship game in the afternoon. This game was no different than the others — another comeback!!!

The Avalanche started early with a 1-0 lead scored by Mike Wood and assisted by Dave Suchy. Then it happened again ... North Middlesex scored three unanswered goals to go up 3-1.

After the first two come-from-behind wins, this situation was all too familiar. Goals by Tim Clark,



MEMBERS OF THE Baywest Avalanche Squirrt "A" hockey team.

Sam Osetek, and Mike Wood, assisted by Greg Santos, Joe Parillo, and Sam Osetek, clinched a 4-3 victory and a rematch with host Greenfield in the championship game.

The championship game turned out to be one of the best games they skated together all year. The Avalanche held on to a 1-0 lead after the first period on a goal by Greg Santos, assisted by Mike Wood.

The pressure the Avalanche were putting on the Greenfield goalie started to take its toll. Dave Suchy scored twice in the second period to take a 3-0 lead. On the disabled list for three weeks, Shawn Santos came back on a mission and assisted both Suchy goals.

Sensing a championship victory, the Avalanche decided to put the game out of reach by scoring four goals — Dave Suchy (two), Alex Ciborowski, and Mike Wood, assisted by Mike Wood, Tim Clark, Shawn Santos, and Dave Suchy — to win the championship, 7-0.

Defense was the key to this game! Joe Parillo, Joe Zmuda, Armand Dubuc, and captains Alex Ciborowski and Jeremy Rogalski broke up many scoring opportunities along with goalie Kevin Danie.

Not only did Kevin Danie shut out a good Green-

field team in the championship with many spectacular saves, he came up big in the first three games of the tournament and all season long. He was one of the reasons why the Avalanche Squirrt "A" had such a successful season.

On top of winning the Northeast Regional Tournament, the Avalanche won two other tournaments that they entered. During Christmas vacation, the Avalanche traveled to Acton, MA, where they won the championship. Then, in February, the Avalanche traveled to New Hartford, NY, and also won the championship.

Including their tournament successes, the Avalanche finished the season with an overall record of 32 wins, 15 losses, and six ties. The coaches, head coach David Ciborowski and assistants Steve Osetek and Mark Clark, would like to thank the kids, captains Jeremy Rogalski, Mike Wood, and Alex Ciborowski, and the rest of the Avalanche squad — Joe Zmuda, Shawn Santos, Greg Santos, Dave Suchy, Kevin Danie, Sam Osetek, Tim Clark, Joe Parillo, and Armand Dubuc — for being a great bunch of kids who gave us, as coaches, a fantastic year that we will all remember for a long time.

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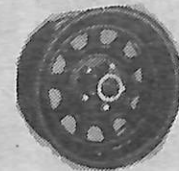
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Youth Soccer... Tigers Bow To East Long., Defeat 'Hamp

The U14 Agawam Tigers bowed to two-time defending Massachusetts Tournament of Champions (MTOC) title-holders East Longmeadow, 4-0 on the road on Wednesday, May 12th, then came back to hammer out a convincing 3-1 home victory over Northampton on Saturday morning, May 15th, in Division I girls' Pioneer Valley Soccer action.

The Tigers, coached by Ed Brown and Frank Fitchben, are 8-2-2 with two games left in the regular season, good for third place behind EL, and defending league champion Ludlow, last spring's MTOC Division I runners-up to EL.

Over at Heritage Park in EL, the home team proved again why it's the state champ in a thoroughly convincing victory over the Tigers. After a scoreless first half where the Tigers had three or four strong chances to score in the first 15 minutes, EL dominated the rest of the half and then opened the floodgates immediately in the second half with a four-goal barrage.

Only the acrobatic goaltending of Vicky Taylor kept the score within respectability. She was under intense pressure and was seeing shots from virtually every angle. Fullback Tricia Fitchben had the best game of the backline, and midfielder Shannon Cook also played an outstanding game. Vicky Taylor received many pats on the back from both parents and coaches from the opposing team after this one was over.

The Tigers rebounded nicely vs. Northampton three days later as they dominated most of the contest.

The Tigers scored all three goals in a one-sided first half. Wing Jen Sharpe opened the scoring at the eight minute mark on a true blue collar goal. After wing Kaitlin Sardella crossed the ball into the middle of the goalmouth, the ball bounded around through a maze of players and Jen out-fought the goalie and two defenders to knock the ball home from 10 feet out for her third of the season.

The second goal came minutes later on a bang-bang play. Wing Kaitlin Sardella rushed the ball up the left side, flicked a back pass to midfielder Aimee Beaudette, who then laid a perfect feed to a streaking Danielle Cirillo just inside the 18-yard line. The goalie had no chance on Danielle's 11th tally of the season.

The Tigers' final score came late in the half. Wing Kaitlin Sardella deked the defender about 50 yards out and broke in on goal. Her shot rang off the crossbar and right onto the foot of wing Kelly Reilly, who put the rebound in for her first goal of the season.

The Tigers received solid efforts from the mid-field, including Ellen Rannenberg (very strong game), Meaghan Brown, Shannon Cook, Nicole Gendreau, and Aimee Beaudette. Equally as strong were defenders Sherri Laskowski, Tricia Fitchben, Melissa Savenko, Whitney Brown, sweeper Kim Hoague (who played a dominant game), and wing Victoria Ruel also helped up front.

Goalie Vicky Taylor lost the shutout with under a minute left on a high-arching shot that flew into the upper corner from just inside the 18-yard line.

Congratulations To The "Ball Hogs"...



THE BALL HOGS recently earned the U-12 Boys' "Division Champs" Title in the Games and Lanes third-session indoor soccer league. Front row: Coach Tony DePalma, Alfredo Septiembre, Chris Alvanos, Randy Holmes, Carmino Bonavita, Anthony Costa, and Chris Wyman. Back row: Joey Albano, Steven Carmody, Ryan Wytrych, Anthony DePalma, Thomas Albano, Victor Ferrentino, Steven Donah, and Assistant Coach Tony Albro.

Agawam Twisters Chalk Up Two Impressive Victories

The girls' U-10 Agawam Twisters of the Pioneer Valley Soccer League showed their effort, determination, and grit last week as they turned in two impressive victories.

Playing crisp, well-played soccer, the Twisters last Tuesday defeated Ludlow by a score of 1-0. Good defense predominated, as both teams battled scorelessly until Cassie Ashwell raced downfield to score a sparkling goal for the game-winner.

On Saturday, the girls continued their all-around solid play with an impressive 4-0 victory at home against Southwick. Their balanced attack was highlighted by smart, sure passing and convincing defense.

Stephanie Obue set up a pass to Christina Bertrand, who sailed the ball into the net for the first goal. Then Stephanie continued the attack, scoring goals on a strong penalty kick and then (with an assist from Cassie Ashwell) winning the battle to score a gem amidst frenzied action at the net.

She then nailed the final goal of the game into the net (unassisted) to complete a well-played game by the entire team.

Hats off to all of the Twisters for their fine showing this week!

Riverside's Kids' Club To Continue Sign-Ups On May 22nd

Riverside Park Speedway will be continuing sign-ups for its Kids' Club on Saturday, May 22nd, at the Speedway. Open to children ages four to 11, the club will feature many fun games and activities for Riverside Park Speedway's younger fans throughout the summer.

"We're so excited to bring the Kids' Club back this year," says Director of Auto Racing David Deery. "Riverside Park has such a fun atmosphere and the activities planned are going to be great!"

Deery says that activities planned for the club members include a banner contest, a monthly newsletter, a scavenger hunt, box car races, bike races, and special autograph sessions with drivers. Deery also added that membership is free, and all kids who sign up will receive a membership card and a Kids' Club t-shirt.

"We started a Kids' Club last season to give our youngest fans some fun activities at the track, and the response from kids and parents has been great," continued Deery. "We hope to provide our Kids' Club members with a fun, safe, and memorable summer with their friends and families here at Riverside Park."

For more information about the sign-ups for Riverside Park Speedway Kids' Club (times, etc.), call (413) 786-9300

Ted Riggott Captures First Modified Win With New Team At Riverside

Riverside Park Speedway returned to action after a rainout on May 8th, returning many drivers to Victory Lane after a long absence. Ted Riggott of East Hartford, Connecticut captured the 50-lap NAPA Modified feature, his first win of the year and first with new team owner Keith Tavel.

1998 Championship runner-up Todd Owen of Somers, Connecticut captured his first win since 1997 in the Serv-U Auto Supply Pro Stock Division. Brian Merchant of Wilbraham earned his first win in the Teddy Bear Pools Truck Division after going winless in 1998. Don Pinette of Bristol, Connecticut broke the trend of first wins with his second of the year in the Figure 8 feature.

In addition to being his first win of the season, Riggott hopes this will catapult his new team to greater heights. "I usually start off hot, and then go into a slump," said the former Track Champion of his career at Riverside Park. "If we can stay out of the mishaps, and the bumps and bangs, we'll be back at it." Prior to Saturday, Riggott's highest finish was fifth on April 24th, a slow start, too, for the driver who traditionally leads the NAPA Modified Division in the win column. Five-time

champion Bob Polverari was second, followed by Eddy Spiers, David Berube, and Bill Bolton in fifth.

Owen, who also competes in the NAPA Modified Division, did not have much time to reflect on his third career Pro Stock win. Owen celebrated by going straight from the tech inspection line to the cockpit of the no. 73 modified, where he finished 21st. In the 40-lap Serv-U Auto Supply Pro Stock feature, Owen started ninth and took over the lead with 17 laps remaining.

Owen would have to hold off the late race challenges of Barry Gray and defending NASCAR Shorttrack Series Regional Champion Eddy Carroll, III before reaching Victory Lane. Gray and Carroll finished behind Owen, followed by Tom Fearn and John Lobo.

The Teddy Bear Pools Truck division, now in its second year, sent several different drivers to Victory Lane in 1998. Merchant, a veteran of Riverside Park's Late Model Division, was not one of them. On Saturday, Merchant got his chance to show the field his talent, taking a large lead early and charging home for the victory after a late caution period. Mike Salmond was second, followed by EJ Legacy, defending division champion Ted

Chalmers and Skip Breunig in fifth.

The Figure 8 Division capped off the evening's events with a wild 20-lap feature. Don Pinette bolted to the front of the field after officials red-flagged the race to realign the 14-car field. Pinette was chased by John Gagnon in the closing laps, but remained far enough ahead to record the win. Erik Comstock finished third, followed by John Albert and Herb Favreau.

Also in action on May 15th at Riverside Park was the New England Legends Cars. Charlie Pasteryak of Lisbon, Connecticut, a regular competitor on the NASCAR Featherlite Modified Series, took the win in the 25-lap Legends race.

The NASCAR Winston Racing Series will continue at the historic one-quarter-mile Agawam oval on Saturday, May 22nd with five feature events. The NAPA Modifieds will headline the event, along with the Serv-U Auto Supply Pro Stocks, Teddy Bear Pools Trucks, Sportsman, Super Stocks, and the New England Antique Rivers (NEAR) will also be on hand.

For more information, call (413) 786-9300 or visit www.riversideparkspeedway.com on the world wide web.

Shugart's Students Shine At Regional Tae Kwon Do Tourney

A group of students from Shugart's Martial Arts Training Center traveled to Rindge, New Hampshire, to participate in an Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) regional qualifying tournament held May 8th at Franklin Pierce College.

Ray Shugart's students competed against Tae Kwon Do students from schools throughout the northeast (Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire, and Massachusetts). Events included point sparring, olympic sparring (contact), and forms.

Shugart's students achieved 100 percent success.

Shugart's students returned home to Agawam with medals in their respective divisions, as follows:

- Dave Rossi: Point Sparring — Bronze.
- Charlie Pappas: Point Sparring — Bronze; Forms — Bronze.
- Jared Kulaga: Point Sparring — Bronze; Forms — Bronze.
- Kevin Perrault: Point Sparring — Bronze; Forms — Silver.
- Larry Hoague: Point Sparring — Gold; Forms — Gold.
- Colie Moore: Point Sparring — Gold; Forms — Silver.
- Pamela Boistelle: Point Sparring — Gold; Forms — Silver.
- Tami Baumgardner: Point Sparring — Bronze; Olympic Sparring — Gold; Forms — Bronze.
- Ted Yuricka: Point Sparring — Gold; Olympic Sparring — Gold; Forms — Silver.
- Richard LaPanne: Point Sparring — Gold; Olympic Sparring — Gold; Forms — Silver.
- Stefani LaFlamme: Point Sparring — Silver; Forms — Silver.
- David Depalo: Point Sparring — Bronze.
- Mike Zuraw: Point Sparring — Silver; Forms — Bronze.
- Michael DeFilippi: Point Sparring — Silver; Olympic Sparring — Bronze.
- Doug Caputo: Point Sparring — Silver; Olympic Sparring — Silver.
- Dawn Saunders: Point Sparring — Bronze; Olympic Sparring — Silver.
- Jeff Gormley: Point Sparring — Gold.
- Ginger Girard: Point Sparring — Silver.
- Gregg Wagner: Point Sparring — Silver; Olympic Sparring — Silver; Forms — Silver.

The following students from Shugart's Martial Arts won medals at the April 10th AAU tournament held at Norwich University and qualified to compete in Cedar Rapids, Iowa:

- Todd Gordner: Point Sparring — Silver; Olympic Sparring — Silver.
- Mark Ducharme: Point Sparring — Bronze; Forms — Bronze.
- Pamela Bouistelle: Point Sparring — Gold; Olympic Sparring — Silver; Forms — Bronze.
- Ted Yuricka: Point Sparring — Gold; Olympic Sparring — Silver; Forms — Bronze.
- Rick LaPanne: Point Sparring — Silver; Forms — Bronze.
- Ann Benoit: Point Sparring — Silver; Olympic Sparring — Silver; Forms — Silver.

All the above students qualified to advance to national competition, which will be held in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, from June 30th to July 3rd. So far, 10 of Shugart's students have indicated they will travel to Iowa for this national competition.

Anyone who is interested in sponsoring competitors from Shugart's Martial Arts at the 1999



STUDENTS FROM Shugart's Martial Arts Training Center in Feeding Hills demonstrated their impressive Tae Kwon Do talents at the May 8th Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) regional qualifying tournament held at Franklin Pierce College in Rindge, New Hampshire.

Shugart's Students At The Spfld. Turnverein



ON MAY 11TH AT THE SPRINGFIELD TURNVEREIN, students from Shugart's Martial Arts Training Center held their first promotional test. The event was an unqualified success.

National AAU competition in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, or making a contribution toward students going to this national competition, may call Shugart's Martial Arts Training Center at (413) 786-4158, or stop by the school at 680 Springfield Street in Feeding Hills, MA (across the street from the Agawam Police Station).

AAU CERTIFIED COACHES AT SHUGART'S

Six persons, including students and staff from Shugart's Martial Arts Training Center, attended an intensive seminar on May 7th at Franklin Pierce College in Rindge, New Hampshire, and became Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) certified Tae Kwon Do coaches.

The seminar, conducted by Mr. Carr (AAU Director for the state of Vermont), included all the rules for Tae Kwon Do competition, coaching techniques utilized during competition, and necessary equipment. Participants were required to pass a written test to become certified as a coach.

The six coaches — Shugart, Larry Hoague, Kevin Perrault, Ted Yuricka, Michael Girard, and Ginger Girard — will travel to the national competition in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Four of the coaches will also compete in Cedar Rapids.

In the fall of 1999, Shugart of Agawam will become the AAU Tae Kwon Do Director for the state of Massachusetts.

Mike Aloisi Competes In "Strongest Man Competition"

Mike Aloisi of Raymond Circle recently competed in the *New England Strongest Man Competition* in Manchester, Connecticut.

The competition consists of pulling a 33,000-pound, 18-wheel tractor and trailer 25 yards in the best time. Mike was in the 175- to 200-pound weight class and placed fourth in this division with a time of 40.34 seconds.

Since graduating from Agawam High last June, Mike has lost 70 pounds by changing his diet and a strict regimen of cardiovascular exercise and weightlifting. He was sponsored at the competition by Jim Bowler of Ultimate Health & Fitness in West Springfield.

Jim has monitored Mike's weight loss and has advised him on bodybuilding and strength training. Mike has been invited to compete in the East Coast Strong Man Competition in New York this summer. He has 10 weeks to train for his second competition and looks forward to the challenge.



AT THE "NEW ENGLAND STRONGEST MAN COMPETITION," which was recently held in Manchester, Connecticut, Mike Aloisi of Raymond Circle, Agawam, placed fourth in the 175- to 200-pound weight class for pulling a 33,000-pound, 18-wheel tractor and trailer 25 yards in 40.34 seconds.

Best local news...



Outdoors New England

by Kent Servis
Outdoor Writer

Give River Fishing A Try...

With water levels returning to near normal in the Connecticut River, stripers, shad, large-mouth, and small-mouth bass are turning on. If you haven't tried fishing the river, give it a try. You won't be disappointed.

In river fishing, structure is just as important as in fishing a lake or pond. Fish relate to structure, and locating the right structure is the key to fishing success. The factor of current in a river gives structure a special significance. Bars, points, wing dams, and boulders may form current breaks and serve as ambush points for predatory fish.

When fishing obvious and visible structure such as points and bars, keep in mind that the fish will always be facing the current. Points of land, man-made structures, and underwater bars will change the direction of the current.

Even a relatively small point of land can cause the current to not only change course, but may set up a circular flow in the opposite direction. This is the ideal ambush point for predatory fish and astute fishermen. Remember that the fish will always be facing into the current. Interruptions in the current will cause the fish to orient themselves in the direction of the current flow.

Smaller bait fish may become temporarily disoriented by the sudden change of direction, and give that hungry predator an easy meal. When presenting lures or baits either immediately upstream or downstream of such a current break, watch the direction of the water flow. The fish will face into the current, and not necessarily face upstream.

Don't forget to make multiple presentations at likely looking structures, making sure to cover both the upstream and downstream portions.

On rivers such as the Connecticut River, water releases from upstream dams can cause a profound effect on more than just the water level. Fish holding patterns that work during the week may be useless on the weekend, when power demand is lowest. Power companies often allow water to accumulate above the dam on weekends to provide ample generating capacity for industrial use during the week, when demand is heaviest.

Those portions of a river system that lie below the first upstream dam are influenced by tide changes. In rivers like the Hudson in New York, tide changes have a dramatic effect as far north as the dam just below Albany. The river may completely change the direction of its flow, and the tidal influence will change everything.

Just remember some of the basic keys to fishing current and apply common sense to the situations you encounter. Increased success is yours for the taking.

FISH REPORTS FRESH WATER

Connecticut River, Holyoke to Enfield — Shad are the hot item for the next couple of weeks. Big stripers are starting to show up at Enfield.

Connecticut River, Enfield and south — Shad are being taken in the Connecticut River and its tributaries. Stripped bass are in the river and feeding on blueback herring. The Enfield Dam is giving up some stripers, and the area between the dam and the Rt. 140 bridge is also reported to be producing. Freshly-caught live herring is the most often reported bait. Artificials include Rebels, Gag's Mambo Minnows, and saltwater-sized Sluggos.

Kurt at Saunders Marina at Congamond Lakes reports that some nice large-mouth are hitting plastic lizards fished Carolina style with medium-weight rigs. Shallow structure is accounting for some heavyweights. Trout action is still available for those anglers who know how to fish deeper. Downrigger fishermen and lead core trollers are doing okay during the feeding periods.

Hampden Pond continues to give up a mixed bag of warm-water species, along with stocked trout.

Lake Ontario fishing has produced some fine trophy browns and the usual mix of lakies and salmon. Once the thermal bars set up and stabilize, locating fish should become easier.

SALT WATER

Long Island Sound to Point Judith, Rhode Island — Rumors of some cow bass being taken at night by surf fishermen are coming in. Schoolie bass are showing up everywhere, and a few large fish are mixed in with them. The new Atom plugs and Gag's Mambo Minnows are reported to be HOT.

Golf Tip Of The Week...

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Feeding Hills, MA



"Shadow Dancing"...

If you have a tendency to sway too much during a swing, the first thing to determine is exactly how much you sway. Then you'll know how much work is in front of you.

Place a cardboard box opposite you so that the shadow of your head falls on the side of the box. (It's best to do this either early or late in the day, when the sun is low and casts longer shadows.)

Swing the club back in your normal backswing. Hold it at the top of the swing. Without moving your head, look at the box — or, rather, look to see where there shadow of your head is in relation to the box.

Now swing forward and through, and hold your position at the end of your follow-through. Again, without moving your head, check where the shadow is in relation to the box.

Keep working at your swing until the shadow stays on the box or at least barely leaves it.

The chunk-and-dunk crowd seems to be doing just fine on herring and bunker chunks. Boat fishermen are reporting success fishing the usual rips.

Offshore party boats are reporting mostly successful cod trips. Several of the party boat fleets are offering two- and three-day distant water marathon trips. If this type of fishing is your cup of tea, check into some of these multiple-day bargains. I just returned from an overnight wreck trip aboard the Helen H out of Hyannis and the fishing was great. Capt. Joe Huckmeyer and his crew do an outstanding job on these trips.

LOCAL TURKEY HUNTERS SCORE

Quite a few local turkey hunters were successful. Among them were George Plourdes and Don Lonco.

They hunted together and both scored on respectable long beards. Don did the calling for the team and took his turkey, a 19½-pounder with an 8½-inch beard. George got his first turkey, a 20-plus-pounder with a nine-inch beard.

The pair were hunting on private property in one of the "hill towns." It took approximately one hour to call in George's bird. One long beard was coming in from one direction, and two others came in from 180 degrees. George took the largest of the bunch. About an hour later, Don called in a lone tom and scored with his Remington 870.

Don believes this will be his last turkey season here in Massachusetts. He is planning to retire from the police department in December to run his lake house guide service in Ellsworth, Maine. He will be offering fishing and hunting trips.

George's bird wound up on the barbecue grill and Don's will be mounted, as he suspects this will be his last turkey. There are none as far north as he is moving.

D.A.R.E. Golf Tournament Scheduled For Sat., June 26th

The 11th annual Agawam Police D.A.R.E. Golf Tournament will be held on Saturday, June 26th, at the Agawam Municipal Golf Course, 128 Southwick Street, Feeding Hills.

Registration will begin at 7:00 a.m., with a shotgun start a 8:00 a.m. The tournament will be limited to 144 players.

The format for the tournament will be "scramble," and prizes will be awarded for the "longest drive" and "nearest pin."

The entry fee is \$65 per person, which includes 18 holes of golf, golf cart, continental breakfast, and lunch. For lunch only, the cost is \$15.

The entry deadline is June 11th. Space will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.

For an application and/or more information, please contact Project D.A.R.E., c/o Sergeant Gallerani, Agawam Police Department, 681 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA 01030. All applications must be accompanied by check.

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Allen Lawnmower Red Sox	4	0
Fran's Restaurant Yellow Devils	3	1
Westfield Bank Black Hawks	3	2
Structural Welding Engineering Crushers	2	2
Firestone Bombers	2	3
Valenti's Restaurant Braves	1	3
Blimpie's Purple Knights	1	3
E. Cecchi Farms Mets	1	3

9-10 TEAMS

NORTH DIVISION	W	L
Towne Insurance No. 4	3	1
John's Trucking No. 1	2	3
Reed's Industries No. 3	2	3
The Cutting Edge No. 2	2	4

SOUTH DIVISION

	W	L
Mr. Sign No. 6	5	0
Bradway Limousine Service No. 8	3	1
Fitness First No. 7	1	3
Kid's Footwear No. 5	0	3

11-12 TEAMS

	W	L
Luigi's Athletics	5	0
Northern Electric Braves	3	2

Westbank Marlins	3	2
Alvin's Astros	1	3
Bear Auto Orioles	1	3
Riverside Phillies	1	4

GIRLS' STANDINGS

8-9 TEAMS

	W	L
Stan's Soft Serve Maroon	5	0
Phipps Discount Teal	3	1
Agawam Medical Supply Green	3	2
Baystate Gas Red	1	4
American Classics Orange	0	5

10-12 TEAMS

	W	L	T
Dayga Printing Navy	5	0	1
Stop & Shop Green	5	0	1
River Auto Gray	4	3	0
Tolli's Orange	3	3	0
Poolman Pools Teal	2	4	0
Partner's Restaurant Maroon	1	4	0
Travel Connections Red	0	6	0

13-17 TEAM

	W	L
New Horizons Yellow	3	1
Sand Trap Blue	3	1
Hastie Fence Red	2	1
Agawam Federal Credit Union Green	1	3
E.B's Restaurant Orange	0	3

Agawam Little League Minors' Standings (May 15, 1999)

TEAM	W	L
Agawam DARE Giants	6	0
Agawam Cinemas Red Sox	5	1
Dreyer Plumb. & Heat. Dodgers	4	2
Westfield Bank Yankees	4	2
Bridgeport Nat'l. Royals	3	2
Geissler's Market Orioles	2	3
Smart Appraisal Mets	1	5
Luigi's Pizza Braves	0	6
Quail Run Indians	0	6

Agawam Little League Major Division Standings (As Of 5/16/99)

TEAMS	W	L
McNair Business Machines	4	1
Mets		
Teddy Bear Pools Orioles	4	1
Scott's Citgo Red Sox	4	2
T.V.S. Communications	4	2
Yankees		
Valenti's Restaurant Braves	3	3
Breakers Billiards Dodgers	2	4
Berkshire Power Indians	2	4
Coldwell Banker Royals	0	6

Turners Gymnasts Do Well At Third Apparatus Meet In Providence, Rhode Island

Following are the places obtained by our girls and boys in their third Apparatus Championship in Providence, Rhode Island.

BOYS

10 yrs. and younger

Lower:

Christopher Joachim — 4th on Floor, Vault, Parallel Bars, Pommel Horse, and All-Around, 3rd on High Bar, and 2nd on Rings.

Adam Stokowski — 4th on Rings and High Bar, 3rd on Floor, Vault, Parallel Bars, Pommel Horse, and All-Around.

11 yrs. and older

Lower:

Jeffrey Joachim — 5th on Floor, Vault, Rings, Pommel Horse, High Bar, and All-Around, 4th on Parallel Bars.

GIRLS

9-11

Lower:

Lisa Couture — 8th on Vault, 7th on Beam, 4th in All-Around, 3rd on Bars, and 2nd on Floor.

Jordan Pike — 9th on Vault, 6th on Bars and in All-Around, 4th on Floor, 3rd on Beam.

Advanced Lower:

Meagan Pike — 4th on Floor and Vault, 3rd on Beam and in All-Around, 2nd on Bars.

Middle:

Meghan Little — 5th on Bars, 2nd on Vault and All-Around, and 1st on Beam and Floor.

Stephanie Obue — 2nd on Beam and Floor, 1st on Bars, Vault, and All-Around.

Alli Stokowski — 5th on Beam, 4th on Bars and All-Around, 3rd on Floor and Vault.

12-14

Advanced Lower:

Nicole Payeur — 8th on Bars, 7th on Floor and All-Around, 4th on Beam and third on Vault.

Nicole Margiotta — 7th on Bars, 6th on Beam, Floor, and All-Around, 5th on Vault.

Sarah Huffman — 7th on Beam, 5th in All-Around, 4th on Vault, 3rd on Floor, and 2nd on Bars.

Middle:

Tami Burmeister — 6th on Beam and Vault, 5th in All-Around, 4th on Beam, third on Bars.

Allison Dassatti — 6th on Bars, 4th on Vault, 3rd on Beam and All-Around, and 1st on Floor.

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Middle:

Maryann Connor — 4th on Floor, Vault, and All-Around, 3rd on Beam, and 2nd on Bars.

Dolores Cuccovia — 3rd on Vault, 2nd on Floor and Beam, and 1st on Bars and All-Around.

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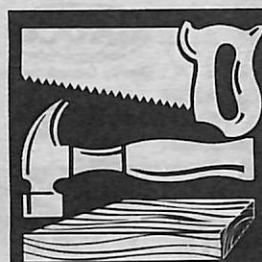


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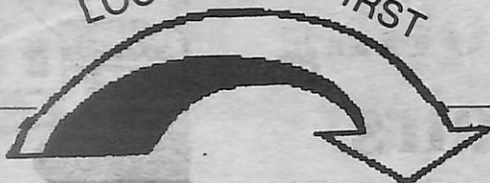
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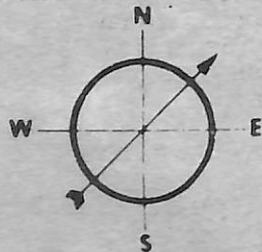
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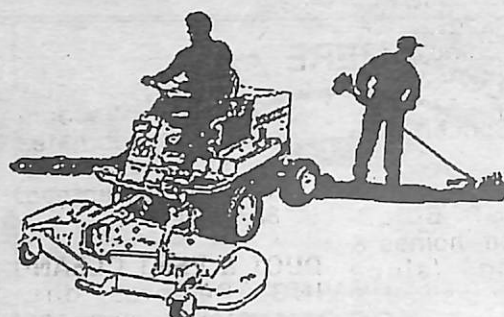
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